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To March Into Peiping

Shanghai, January 31. The Communist Radio announced today that the Chinese Communist army is to march into Peiping throughout the day today to replace the Nationalist forces who are to move to designated rendezvous points where they will be re-organized or disbanded.

For the first time today the Red radio voice referred to the Nationalist commander in Peiping as General Fu Tso-yi instead of "war criminal Fu Tso-yi." This is believed to reflect the air of amity which marked the peaceful conquest of China's ancient capital.

The broadcaster from the official North Shensi station did not mention the formation of a Communist-led City Government which was expected to be announced simultaneously with the military changeover.—United Press.

Hong Kong Shrouded In Fog

The first fog of the year fell on Hong Kong shortly before 9 o'clock last night and, within half an hour, had completely disrupted harbour traffic.

By 10 p.m. conditions were so very bad that all launches, with the exception of the ferries, stopped running. Even Police launches were given instructions to leave, or to tie up if they happened to be near a pier or buoy.

So thick was the fog that not a single glimpse of the myriads of Hong Kong lights could be seen from Kowloon.

European inspectors on duty at the Star Ferry wharves beat on the gongs in order to guide incoming ferries. The Hong Kong Yacht Club's inspectors hurried to do likewise.

Up to a late hour last night, no harbour casualties have been reported to the Water Police.

The Royal Observatory said late last night it expected the fog to lift this afternoon. It could not say whether the Colony would be fog-bound again tonight.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a trough extends from India-China across central China to the E. of Japan. On the E. side, moving depressions are controlled over the Eastern sea and E. of Hokkaido. From the persistent anti-cyclone a ridge stretches W. to Hainan.

Today's Forecast: Light variable winds, SE predominating. Fog at first, becoming fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 76.2 deg. Fah. Minimum: 62.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 4.4 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 3.0 mm. (0.08 inch) as against an average of 31.8 mm. (1.25 inches).

Readings at 10 a.m.:

Baro. at m.s.l.	1010.6	1013.5 m.b.
Equals	80.08	29.98 inches.
Rel. Humidity	70	75 %
Dew Point	45	57 deg. F.
Wind Direction	E	W by S
Wind Force	15	7 knots.
Tides	Time	Height
High	1245	4.6
Low	0548	0.9
Low	1847	0.9

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Li Tries To Contact Reds In Shanghai WAR OF NERVES DEVELOPS

Shanghai, January 31.

President Li Tsung-jen arrived here secretly and unexpectedly around noon today by plane from Nanking to contact third party representatives in a last-minute bid to secure negotiated peace with the Chinese Communist Party.

It was thought possible that President Li would confer with the Communist representative in Shanghai before returning to the capital in a few days.

Meanwhile, this morning, high-ranking officials remaining in Nanking formed a Joint Administrative Office to continue the work of the Central Government.

Dr. Shao Li-tse, leading member of the Nationalist peace delegation, and Mr. Hwang Haueh-sung accompanied the President here. They are his closest advisers.

President Li's arrival follows that of his personal peace envoy, Mr. Hwan Chi-han, who came here from Nanking yesterday after reporting to his chief the result of his mission to Peiping where he had contacted the Communist General Yeh Chien-ying, Chief Administrator of the ancient capital.

Shortly after landing in Shanghai President Li met Dr. Sun Fo and other Cabinet Ministers, who are at present in Shanghai en route to the new seat of Government at Canton, where a Cabinet meeting is planned for February 2.

Flying North

The Nanking people's peace delegation, which has been communicating with the Communists at Peiping with a view to meeting the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, took off from the capital in another plane for the North as the President and his party flew to Shanghai.

With prospects of an early nation-wide peace remote, a number of prominent local Chinese political and business leaders, including some associated with the Democratic League, were reported today actively working behind scenes for a separate peace settlement for Shanghai.

The sponsors of the movement, who hope to contact the Chinese Communists at the appropriate moment to save China's commercial capital from serious damage or destruction, are said to have already received President Li Tsung-jen's approval to their plan.

They are reported to be confident of achieving their goal and intend to make a public announcement of their project shortly. Before then, they hope to have General Chen Tachung, Shanghai Garrison Commander, who has repeatedly voiced his determination to defend the city to the last man, to their side.

Main Obstacle

General Chen is at present considered the main obstacle to the plan, but his attitude is expected to undergo a change after completion of the withdrawal of the forces of General Tang En-po, his immediate superior, from the Nanking-Shanghai area Southwest to Chekiang and Fukien provinces.

Meanwhile, utter confusion reigned on the financial market here today as most business remained closed for the Chinese New Year holidays.

Oil, Minerals For Russia?

Nanking, January 31. Important oil and mineral resources in Sinkiang province in North West China are expected here to be secured by Soviet Russia following the Nationalist Government's evacuation of Nanking.

The minerals may include uranium and some metals in steel production, such as wolfram.

It was revealed here today that the Chinese Government is expected to sign a report to the Soviet Government, General Chibrikov, who is flying home to Sinkiang, prepared to conclude a local commercial agreement with Russia.

The American dollar fluctuated wildly. Early quotations were said to have ranged around 700 Gold Yuan, compared with only 400 24 hours earlier, but later declined to 600.

Prices of all commodities, including rice, rose to new high marks during the day.

Ten artillery-equipped Communist columns are now massed along the Yangtze River East and West of Nanking ready to cross the river to envelop the Nationalist capital, according to usually highly reliable sources today.

Commodities Up

Quotations for gold bars were between 40,000 and 45,000 Gold Yuan an ounce.

The sources said six columns are now concentrated in Yichang and another four columns have taken up positions opposite Wuhu.

Wuhu and Yichang are 50 and 25 miles South West and East of Nanking where the Communists are expected, according to Nationalist military quarters, to make their initial attempts to cross the vital waterway—the last natural barrier defending Kuomintang-held South China.

Military sources said the Government is moving its artillery units out of Nanking West and East to Wuhu and the river bank area opposite Yichang, pending at Chenkiang, in anticipation of Communist crossing operations.

An unknown number of President Li Tsung-jen's personal Kwangsi troops arrived in Nanking today to bolster the defence of the capital. These troops were formerly stationed in Anhwei under the command of General Hsia Wei.

STOP PRESS

Nanking, January 31. The Nationalist Government decided today that it would not execute any of the proposed Communist peace terms until after it had begun peace negotiations with the Communist Party.

A Government statement to this effect was expected to be issued here later tonight. Observers said it meant that the Nationalist Government had rejected the Red broadcast which demanded the imprisonment of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other prominent right wing Nationalists on the Red war criminals list.

President Li Tsung-jen returned to Nanking from Shanghai tonight.—Reuter, AAP.

General Chang is Governor-General of the four North Western provinces. He was a leading figure in the Government's attempts to secure peace with the Communists.

He is believed to be returning to the Capital's decision to move South to Canton.

It was thought likely that he will make his own arrangements for his province with the Chinese Communist Party.

It is thought possible here that Russia may soon build a feeder railway to Chukotsh, on the Sinkiang border, to develop the trade and exploitation of Sinkiang's oil and other minerals.—Reuter.

It is not possible to ascertain at present whether the Communists would force the Nationalist river defences now or wait for the outcome of the forthcoming peace negotiations.

Competent military observers believed the Communists would make only a diversionary thrust against the Pukow-Pucheng area opposite Nanking, but there were no indications they would make a serious thrust directly on Nanking.

A reliable source said only two Communist columns are now stationed North of Pucheng, three miles North of Nanking. It is possible, however, that the Communists in Yichang may launch an out-flanking drive on the Pukow-Pucheng area along the river bank if their anticipated efforts to cross the river there are frustrated.

Local Communist units are said to be scattered along the river bank from Pukow to Yichang, who are expected to facilitate the outflanking movement if made.

The 28th, 59th and 98th armies were still left in Pukow and Pucheng today while the 54th and 48th armies are now garrisoning Nanking. There are no indications to support the speculation that the Government plans to abandon Nanking without a fight.

Gave To Fight?

The bodies of Mr. Vaughn and Major Haddock, dental officer of the 301st Station Hospital, were identified at the 49th General Hospital. They were brought to Tokyo together with the bodies of two of three Japanese.

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Red Morale Higher

But all observers agree that if the peace talks fail, it would come as a much harder blow to the Government forces than to the Communist troops whose morale is very much higher.

Observers believe the Shanghai-Nanking railway to Chekiang and Nanking, which skirts the coast across the river from the Chumian River, will be cut off by Red gunners. They said the Reds also probably will stir up local Red troops operating in the Taku Lake region between Shanghai and Nanking to complete the job of knocking out the railway and road movements.—Reuter and United Press.

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Looking something like a round of the ammunition he knew so well in the Navy, a shuttle of a tartan loom, claims the interest of the Duke of Edinburgh (right) when the Duke toured the Leafold Mills during an official visit to Bradford, one of the centres of Yorkshire's woollen textile industries.—AP Photo.

Miles Vaughn Drowns In Tokyo Bay

Tokyo, January 31. Mr. Miles W. Vaughn, United Press Vice-President, and four others died by drowning in Tokyo Bay yesterday after the Japanese boat, in which they were out duck shooting, capsized in a squall.

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Before bodies were recovered, General MacArthur called Mr. Hugh Bailie, President of United Press, that every available agency here is being employed under my personal supervision to facilitate the search for Mr. Vaughn and his party.

"Everyone is greatly distressed," General MacArthur's cable said, "and you may be completely assured that no stone will be left unturned by us."

Intensive Search

An intensive search by Japanese planes, crashboats and Japanese sampans began at 10 p.m. on Sunday night shortly after Mr. Vaughn's party was reported missing, and ended early this afternoon.

An air-sea emergency rescue helicopter spotted the bodies floating off Ozu, Chiba Prefecture. A crashboat recovered the four bodies and brought them ashore. Japanese police and fishermen said they could not recall a similar mishap on Tokyo Bay within their memory.

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Portuguese Freighter, Chinese Steamer Collide Near Swatow

Radio message reaching Hong Kong at dawn yesterday reported that the Portuguese freighter, Masbate, and the Chinese steamer Hsiang Hsing collided 10 miles off Tung Yung Island, between Amoy and Swatow.

The messages came from the Chinese ship, which requested aid. In a later report the Hsiang Hsing said that she was picking up segments from the Portuguese ship.

The owners of the Masbate, Jobshun Shipping Company, said they had not received any communication from their vessel, but were informed by the Marine Department of the accident.

No damage or loss of life was mentioned in the radio reports. This is the first tip North of the newly-overhauled Portuguese freighter, which was recently bought from the South China Shipping Company of Hong Kong by Jobshun.

Formerly on the Happong-Hong Kong run, the Masbate left the Colony on January 28 for Shing I Chow, Korea, with 200 tons of general cargo for Pao Shan Hong. She carried no passengers, besides her all-Chinese crew of 47, headed by the Portuguese master, Mr. L. do Lemos.

The crew and the master were recently engaged from Hong Kong and Macao.

After undergoing refitting at Shanghai for nearly two months, the Masbate went to Happong for a trial trip.

Built At Dundee

Built at Dundee in 1935 and flying the Red Ensign originally, the Masbate was then called the Juno. She changed hands several times, and subsequently few the Panamanian flag at one time, the Stars and Stripes, the Chinese

US Possesses Super Atom Bombs

Washington, January 31. America now has super atom bombs greater in explosive power than those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This was disclosed today by the United States Atomic Energy Commission, which reported important advances in atomic weapon developments.

An extensive analysis of the new types of bombs tested recently at Eniwetok, proving grounds in the Pacific proved that a substantial increase in energy release had been obtained, the Commission announced in its fifth semi-annual report to Congress.

At Los Alamos (New Mexico) laboratory, where 2,700 people were working on the military aspects of atomic energy, new designs of weapons have been tested and found successful, and further developments are now in progress.—Reuter.

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HONG KONG

Hong Kong's Weather Welcome Change To APL Passengers

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Passengers on board the ss. General Gordon coming from Manila found Hong Kong's winter weather a pleasant change on their arrival here yesterday.

The majority of them are seeing the Colony for the first time.

Coming from San Francisco and Manila, they include a victorious, all-Negro, baseball team, returning to the United States; 20 "pensionados" of the Philippine Fishery Programme en route to the Alameda Maritime Training School, a high-ranking official of the International Labour Office, Geneva, and a youthful ex-GI tourist.

Sponsored by Mr. Chick Parsons, Philippine Baseball Commissioner and President of the Manila Bay Baseball League, the all-Negro Sea Lions are the first team to visit the Orient since the days of Babe Ruth, back in 1932. Chosen from among 15 leading American major professional teams, the Sea Lions won 14 games, lost two and tied one during their seven-week stay in Manila.

Their last game against the Filipino All-Stars, which they won, was broadcast under the auspices of the American President Line to Hong Kong listeners on January 29.

The visit was an attempt to revive the game in the islands, which has degenerated since the Liberation. The trip was estimated to cost US\$30,000. The returns from the gates, however, were not up to expectations.

The team is headed by Wayne Carr, manager and pitcher, who was presented with a souvenir gold wrist watch for a shut-out in the first game of the series. Porter Singletary, third base, also won a gold wrist watch for the fourth home run. For the most trophies, Luther Brannham won a fountain-pen set.

In the United States International League, the Sea Lions stood among the top-ranking majors. They played 100 games in Canada, Mexico and the United States, winning 92 and losing three games. The rest were ties.

There are at present 18 pensionados still in America. Forty-three have already returned and are now employed in various Government fishing projects. This batch will increase the list of trainees who have studied in America to 82 of the 125 authorised under the Philippines Rehabilitation Act.

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Jackie Robinson, the first negro to join the Major League in American baseball, played at one time for the Sea Lions.

The Sea Lions have one complaint. "We suffered from the mosquitoes and the heat," a player said.

The heat had 100 per cent effect on their play, but despite the odds, the team came out with honours in all the games they won. They lost the two when playing against two of the islands' weak teams, but beat one of them later. The team they tied was beaten twice later.

Successful candidates for a competitive civil service examination are now en route to America as "pensionados" of the Philippine Fishery Programme. They were among the 64 who passed in November last year. They will undergo a six-week orientation course at the United States Maritime Training School at Alameda, California, prior to their assignment to various fishing centres in America.

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The plane was apparently not loaded, as there was no explosion. Twelve of the men on the LST died.

Humbley, with about 80 comrades, was stranded for nearly two hours when "M" boats came along to pick them up.

"A funny thing about the incident is that the Kamikaze plane crashed on our small LST when there were several larger craft nearby. It was apparently one of the 'wounded' the youthful tourist said.

Humbley flew to Japan three weeks ago from San Francisco by Northwest Airline, where he stayed for 12 days, before leaving for Manila.

"Unfortunately I am on a tour," he asserted. He declined to discuss his brief mission.

Princess Attends Ballet



Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret was present at a Gala Performance of the ballet "Coppelia" at the London Casino recently, in aid of the Denville Hall, home for aged actors and actresses. The Princess is shown arriving at the London Casino for the Gala Performance.

No Happy New Year For These Men

At least 246 men ended the Lunar New Year celebrations in the Kowloon Police Court yesterday.

Two hundred of them sobered up before Mr. A. D. Scholes on charges of gambling and setting off fire-crackers outside the prescribed hours.

More than 100 were charged with gambling. Sixty were arrested in a raid by DSI Summers and a police party on the servants' quarters of the Peninsula Hotel.

A variety of gambling paraphernalia and \$24 in "table" money were seized during the raid. Four of the defendants, convicted of being the keepers of the den, were each fined \$300. The others were fined \$20 each.

At a gambling den at 50, Temple Street, 29 men were arrested. They were each fined \$20 or six days' imprisonment.

A number of men were charged with setting off fire-crackers in a way endangering pedestrians and disturbing traffic, and with firing at 4 p.m. the time limit set for the discharge of fireworks. They were each fined \$15 or five days' imprisonment.

Thirty-six others were charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr with gambling. Lal Hoi, aged 60, Wong Fat-chung, aged 30, and Chan Fat-cho, aged 30, were entertaining 15 others at a game of "Sam Kung" (three pictures) at an unlicensed place at Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City, on Sunday night when Detective-Insp. P. L. Davies and Detective-Corporal Yu Chung-ching raided the premises.

Lal Wong and Chan were each fined \$500 being the keepers of the gaming house. Six others for related their bail of \$20 each, and the remaining nine were fined \$15 each. "Table" money of \$59.10 was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

Lani Fai, aged 20, might have saved \$50 were it not for the anxiety of his relative to obtain his release from court.

Fined \$100 by Mr. Blair-Kerr for operating a gambling stall, Lam told the court that he had only \$50. The magistrate was considering whether to reduce the fine when a woman hurried to the prosecutor's bench with a pile of bank-notes. The fine remained at \$100.

On Sunday afternoon a nine-year-old girl was going with her sister and mother to pay visits, it being the second day of the first moon of the Chinese New Year.

Near the Ko Shing Theatre at Queen's Road West, a man suddenly came from behind and forcibly stripped her of a \$900 bangle she was wearing on her right wrist. She went after the snatcher but he was too fast for the little girl and she lost him in the crowd. The mother raised the alarm.

Li Man-ngai, attached to the Yau-mai Police Station, happened to be around and after a long hunt, at last caught up with the culprit and took him into custody.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour and deportation.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents; and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Public Nuisance
Sir,—Once again, as in past years, we have had to endure the nerve-racking and illegal cracker firing. One or two thoughts on this matter come to mind.

The vast majority of the inhabitants of Hong Kong belong nominally to the Big Five Powers; they are, thus, supposed to have reached years of discretion and to be able to take their place in the comity of nations.

But have they grown up? When I was a child I acted as a child, but now I am a man? I have put away childish things, evidently does not apply.

The second thought, and most important one, is why do the Police continue the farce of spending the taxpayers' money on solemnly announcing that cracker firing will only be permitted at stated times and in stated places, and then allow their authority to be openly flouted by all and sundry? And if authority can be treated with such utter contempt in one case, why not see if it can be ignored in another case?—which is just what happens.

As far as superstition goes, no nation can throw stones at another. We all live in a state of nature. By all means allow it, it must be those strings of crackers which signify the final balancing of books, and other age-old occasions, but at decent hours. But absolutely forbid the cracker-throwing by half-wits and morons, which goes on night and day at all the so-called prohibited hours and in prohibited places. Not only prohibit it, but mete out stern and immediate justice and punishment to all law-breakers,—half a dozen of the best would act as a wonderful preventive for most of these half-baked nit-wits.

This year this unmitigated nuisance seemed worse than ever. Not only were crackers thrown indiscriminately in the streets at people, and from vehicles, but also from, and actually on the ferries. As an obvious stranger was overheard to remark "I always understood this was a place where the much vaunted British law and order ruled supreme, there may be plenty of law, but there's certainly precious little order!"

How is it that in Malaya cracker firing can be banned absolutely, and here not the slightest pretence is made even to control it within the stated bounds? It is an absolute disgrace to the police Department that they should allow the Colony to be turned into a bedlam just for the amusement of, perhaps, 1% of the population. Still more so that they should issue orders and then allow them, and their authority, to be treated with contempt.

Where was the noble squad of "Lancers" harried? Why could they not have been turned out to the job? It is important, though probably less congenial,—job of running in or otherwise abating what was an unmitigated public nuisance?

DISGUSTED.

To Learn The Truth
Sir,—It is indeed a happily fortuitous circumstance which permits the presence in Hong Kong of Captain L. D. Gammans, M.P., whose appeal in his speech before the Rotary Club in behalf of the Voluntary Defence Force on the basis of the defence of the Empire is likely to meet with considerably more favourable response than have the appeals of those who have tried to sell us the idea of the successful defence of the Colony by this pathetically inadequate Force, and Mr. S. H. Evans who, we are told, is visiting the Colony for the purpose of compiling a report upon the affairs thereof for the edification of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, at a time when the incorporation of the Reform Club is announced.

These gentlemen have come a long way to learn the truth about our island dictatorship and may perhaps wonder why we have hesitated to form the Reform Club, and it seems only fair that they should be given an opportunity to base their reports to the Government and the people at home.

So, Gentlemen, when folks at home ask you why we are so bitter in our content and why we are so dead in the defence of the Empire, play to little enthusiasm for the Defence Force scheme, tell them that we are tired of government by a Legislature, Council of the Members, the official representatives of the taxpayers, in which are outnumbered and outvoted by the Official Members, and are thus able to railroad into law any measure upon which they have set their hearts.

2. That we are tired of seeing collaborators, who but for the suggestion of English Law would have been hanged, flogged upon the gallows, or even shot, for the sake of a few dollars, and who are now being paid for their services.

3. That we are tired of the fact that the Government is not only unable to afford an intensive course of training in modern warfare by men who know their subject, and who would be readily assimilable into regular army units, in case of need, rather than the projected Force of 7,000 composed of, in the main, men and women who would be paid to meet the demands of modern warfare, and the leader of the greater part of which would be suspect from the start.

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POLICE INSPECTORS DISCUSS GOVT'S ACTION

Government's recent action in notifying 12 police officers that their services are to be terminated at the end of July was discussed at a meeting of members of the inspectorate at the Central Police Station canteen on Sunday. A resolution to seek legal aid and advice was unanimously passed and a sub-committee was formed to go into the matter.

At the meeting it was disclosed that Government has not yet given any explanation for its action. Views were expressed that similar action may be easily taken against other members of the Force in future. Therefore, legal advice should be taken to protect the remainder of the Inspectorate.

Main object of Sunday's meeting was to find a way to clear the names of the police officers concerned of any suspicion that may have crept into the minds of the public as a result of Government's action, and to eliminate any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

RAF Official Arrives For Short Visit

Air Marshal Sir Leslie N. Hollinghurst, Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force, has arrived in Hong Kong on a tour of RAF stations in the Far East.

Sir Leslie arrived here on Sunday in the private plane. He is due to leave for Singapore today on his return to the United Kingdom.

During his stay in the Colony, Sir Leslie is the guest of Air Commodore and Mrs. Davies at Air House. Air Marshal Hollinghurst was previously a member of the Air Council for Supply and Organisation. As Air Officer Commanding No. 38 Group, he was responsible for British airborne operations in the Normandy landings on "D" Day.

At present, he is Air Officer Commanding Base Air Force, South East Asia, with headquarters at New Delhi.

Estimate Of HK Population

Hong Kong's population is estimated at 1,800,000 by the Department of Statistics. In 1947 the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry estimated the population at 1,750,000. When Hong Kong was liberated in September 1945, the population was less than 600,000. By the middle of 1948 it had increased to between 1,500,000 and 1,800,000, according to an estimate then by the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry. The last official census was taken in March 1931. The population of the Colony then was 540,437. The previous census figure in April 1921 was 625,115. A census taken by Air Raid Wardens in March 1941 placed the population figure at 1,869,357, including an estimated 600,000 refugees.

Club Beat Rest At Rugby

In a hard game at Sookun-poo on Saturday, Club (Winners of the Rugby Quadrangular Tournament) defeated the Rest of the Colony by nine points to nil.

From the kick off Club were quickly on the move. Henderson with a short kick ahead taking play to within 10 yards of the Rest line. However Rest forwards came to the rescue with a grand footrush which took play to centre simply because Club halves and backs failed to fall on the ball.

Club were moving fairly well but Lochians passing was slow and inclined to be erratic, over-curious almost led to the undoing of Rest a penalty kick for offside against their wing forwards being short.

A clever bout of inter-passing by Henderson and Le Hong on the left wing, following a fine cut through by Nolan was stopped just short of the line.

Henderson made no mistake with a second penalty against Rest forwards, to put Club three points ahead.

Nolan was opening up play well but his defence was shaky much of it being left to Warner. Franklin was showing a tendency, which he had overcome since the early part of the season, to hang on to the ball and being caught in possession.

A period of strong pressure by Services was relieved by a free kick against their forwards for offside.

It was now getting on for half time and Club pack were definitely on top; however their backs were unable to break through Rest defence and persisted in passing the ball out to their wings in very pretty bouts of passing which simply took play to the other side of the field; kicks ahead on a far from steady Rest full back would have paid dividends but Henderson was the only one to show any initiative in this respect.

Rest forwards were dangerous in the loose but their halves made little attempt to open up the game, Cook's laboured service leading to their backs taking the ball standing still. There was no further scoring before half time.

Had Bad Luck

De Rome, injured in the first half, resumed at full back, Cessford taking his place on the left. Rest now came into the picture with a series of attacks led by Wright-Nooth who had bad luck in not getting over their forwards were playing grand open football but were poorly supported by their backs.

A quick heel from a scrum near centre saw Nolan go through in a swerving run towards the goal, and omitting Henderson, throw out a long pass which was clearly taken by Cessford who went over to increase Club lead to 6 pts, the goal kick falling.

Dalglish, McClement and Ross Milne were doing their best to rally the Rest but their backs just could not get going and persisted in kicking to touch when they did get possession. Cook being a particularly bad offender in this respect.

Tulip, the Rest wing three-quarter, had a grand run only to be bundled into touch by de Rome at the corner flag. Club took play to centre where, from a scrum Nolan got his backs moving, the ball travelling across the field to Cessford who immediately changed the direction of the attack with a high crosskick which was followed up by Warner and Bowman who worried Cook who was trying to cover up; the ball eventually went loose for Warner to touch down, Taylor just missing with the difficult kick.

Rest began attacking in earnest after this reverse and Club halves and backs proved to be anything but sure defence.

Several attacks were held despite the fact that Rest forwards were outplaying Club but eventually Club rallied and Henderson, the best back on the field, cut through to follow up with a splendid bout of inter-passing with Cessford only to see his last pass go forward and spoil a certain try.

Nolan, de Rome until injured, and Cessford did well in attack but the Club forwards won the day. Warner, Bowman and Forsgate being outstanding.

The Rest forwards played grand football with Milne, Dalglish and Wright-Nooth well to the fore. Their backs were however a disappointment—Cook and Richards were not a success. But not apologetic about the remainder of the line lacked flair.

Although not up to the standard of the Tournament game, it was an enjoyable and clearly contested game, admirably handled by Commander Perry.

Sculptor In Glass



With two pieces of glass rod and a blow-lamp, Istvan Komaromy makes some of the most exquisite figures of men and animals, and is probably the greatest artist in glass in the world today. Some of his work is displayed in the Victoria and Albert Museum, Kensington, London, and is in great demand by tourists to Britain, particularly American visitors.

Canucks Triumph Over VRC Team

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the week-end Senior Loop pennant chase, Canucks played inspired ball behind Kassa Nazarin's steady hurling to nudge VRC out of position with an 8-5 triumph.

Joey Franco was the losing pitcher in that crucial tilt but made up for the poor showing with a brilliant 4-hit performance to enable Portugal to eliminate China 7-1 in the International Series.

By virtue of the Pakistan 11-3 victory over Great Britain, the perennial rivals Portugal and Pakistan (formerly India) will battle for International honour in the Finals.

In the minor loop, the Jelling Jugglers battered Viking moulted to register a 6-2 win. Mohawks and Rexes granted walk-outs to Black Hawks and Rangers. In the girls' exhibition game, the Baby Wahoes upset the Squaws 19-15 in a five-inning contest.

The players battled ball for six full frames before they got out of a lethargic spell to avert a shut out at the hands of the Canucks, with a last inning rally that produced five runs when they bunched up four solid hits.

Kassa Nazarin's perfect ball control was largely responsible for the Maple Leaf triumph for although he yielded nine sacrifices, no free tickets were issued to first base. VRC slasher Joey Franco was nipped for eight blows and walked three in an erratic spell.

Charlie Figueroa's run-making machine failed to function at the crucial stages of the game and 11 potential runs were left stranded, but timely hitting by the Canucks only left five on the ill-fated path in spite of the fact that they were out.

Ignar Erikson of VRC and Luke Blum of the Canucks, shared batting honours, each connecting for three safeties in four batting attempts, while distance blows were registered by Charlie Quinn with a homer and Herbie Quon with a three-base hit.

Don Robbins, playing his last game of the season, dished up a scintillating exhibition at the key-stone where he fielded five rapid grounders neatly and tossed the runner out at first base. In addition, the Canucks' Flash chased in two mates at the critical moment of the game with a two-ply blow.

VRC Threatens

VRC threatened in the very first frame when Ignar Erikson singled, but failed to cross the pay-off station when his mates failed to manufacture a hit. In the Canucks' half with two away, Herbie Quon popped out, scorcher that went for three bases, and Bill Wood's safety through the Hot Corner drove in the first run of the game.

In the next chapter both sides had runners on base, but tight fielding snuffed all attempts to score. In the third, Joey Franco whiffed but Alvaro Xavier was given a life on a wild heave and it looked as if the VRC rally was due, but Alvaro over-aid scuffed base for the second out.

Erikson connected for another hit and when Junior Markar fumbled Gus Petelin's grounder, two runners were on bases. Charlie Quinn who was expected to drive in the runners only managed a pop fly and the rally was over.

The Canadians staged their big inning in the third when Luke Blum dropped a bunt that completely bamboozled Joey Franco. Herbie Quon was called out on illegal batting but Alvaro Xavier's error gave Bill Wood a lease on life, a timely blow by Don Robbins chased both runners across the rubber, and Robbins scored standing up as Petelin tossed a wild pitch.

With the final frame coming up and VRC trailing behind, a run, mentor Charlie Figueroa called on a pinch-hitter, George Saunders who ignited the fuse to an explosive final try by eliciting Nazarin's first pitch over first base.

The ball was headed for distant places but a spectator foolishly blocked the ball and Saunders was only entitled to strike second—if anyone was ever robbed of a homer, George Saunders stands at the head of the line.

Saunders Scores

Alvaro Xavier nipped rapped out a long overdue hit to drive Saunders across the break his duck, but Erikson and Gus Pereira both failed to make first base. Two down and the Figueroa men were still fighting tooth and nail. Charlie Quinn popped a clothes-line drive over the windy-alley where Junior Markar threw his glove at the ball and Chief Umpire Doc Molten awarded Quinn three extra bases and the hit went into the records as a four-bagger. Kito Hyndman popped out to end the game.

In the Portugal-China International classic, the former earned an easy 7-1 victory mainly due to heavy power at the plate, which was highlighted by Gerry Roza-Pereira's out-of-the-park homer and Gerry Gosho's terrific smash through right-center.

Both opposing hurlers pitched their second game in two days, but this time Franco had more confidence in his veteran fielders and only allowed four scratch singles. Portugal executed two 'win-killings' which were outstanding for sheer fielding brilliance.

In addition to polling out a homer for his side, left-gardener Gerry Gosho had a perfect play with the stick by returning four hits in as many times at bat.

China notched up their only tally of the finals in the fifth, when Low Chung-san worked Franco for a walk, S. C. Wong bunted safely and a double steal placed runners on second and third. Showboat Young's sacrifice to deep left scored Low although he was bearded by the bullet peg.

The absence of Jock Brown on the slab for Great Britain proved disastrous for the Lions as Pakistan's worked starting pitcher Al Shukro for five runs. Smirko stood down in the second frame and only allowed one more run to trickle through, but went hay-wire again in the third after which Solly Saul was called in to put out the fire.

Great Britain staged down in sixth in chalk up three runs which featured homers by Dave Leonard and Solly Saul, the former blasting the ball over the fence while the latter threw a sizzler right over third base that ended up at the fence.

WEEK-END SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES	
Portugal	7 China
Great Britain	1 Pakistan
Canada	8 VRC
Madagascar	8 Basaltiers
Overseas	7 Chung Hua
Rhodes	1 ABG
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JUNIOR LEAGUE	
Vikings	4 Wildfow
Scots	3 Vikings
Black Hawks	7 Mohawks
Rangers	7 Rexes
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GIRLS' EXHIBITION	
Baby Wahoes	19 Squaws
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Annual Meet Of Filipino Club

"It has always been the earnest endeavour of the members of your committee to welcome and entertain sporting teams, prominent personages and other organisations from the Philippines," said Dr. V. N. Alenza, Chairman of the Filipino Club at the annual meeting on Sunday.

Following the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts, Dr. Alenza said the Club is in a far healthier condition than it has ever been before.

Campaign For More

Asking the members to campaign for more members, the Chairman said, "The monthly subscription of \$3, a paltry sum, is the lowest of all sporting clubs in the Colony. The greatest ambition of the Club is that all Filipinos in the Colony become enrolled as members."

Referring to the sporting activities of the Club, the Chairman said that the committee have always tried to put the Club on the sporting map of the Colony, and that the Club was proud of the achievement of its bowlers in the International Lawn Bowls. The Club's team came second to the Pakistan rink, "the mighty Omar brothers," by the narrow margin of two shots.

On the proposal of Dr. Alenza, and seconded by Mr. R. J. Manalac, Mr. Bala, the Philippines Consul, was elected Patron of the Club.

After Dr. Alenza (President), Mr. R. J. Manalac (Vice-President), Mr. R. S. Castro (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. J. S. Castro (Hon. Treasurer), had been re-elected en bloc, the following members of the committee were elected: Messrs. F. Gonzales, S. F. Angeles, J. Cotton, W. V. Field, W. C. Ogley, and P. J. Tondchy.

Hall's Rink Wins KBGC Trophy

Eleven rinks took part in the "Annual Attaboy Shield" competition played at the KBGC for their members. The game resulted in a win for the rink skippered by veteran A. J. Hall who at the end of the game finished with 28 shots on the credit side.

His rink was composed of R. J. Wigginton, A. R. Warren, L. Guy and Hall. G.E.F. Thompson's rink finished second with 12 shots. His other three front men were A. Hutton, F. Moode and C. J. Norman.

At the end of the game, the Shield and spoons to the winning team were distributed by Mrs. J. McKelvie, wife of the President of the Club.

Beginning next Saturday, the KBGC will be holding their winter wappingshaw competition. The competition will have a run of 10 weeks and will conclude just in time for the Lawn Bowls League to start.

Interport Hockey

The first post-war Interport Hockey match between Macao and Hong Kong, played at Macao on Sunday, ended in a draw, both sides scoring twice.

At the start, Macao opened the scoring for Hong Kong, but shortly before half time, Macao equalised.

Fowler put Hong Kong ahead again in the second half, but with 10 minutes to go, Macao obtained the equaliser.

The players were introduced to the Governor of Macao before the start of the game. A dinner in honour of the visitors was given at the Hotel Riviera on Sunday evening.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees Association has been postponed to tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. at the Football Association's office, Prince's Building. Attention to the Hong Kong Football Association will be discussed at the meeting.

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ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

SESSION 1948/49

A paper on

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will be given by

Mr. A. J. C. Threlfall

A.M.I.E.E.

on Wednesday, 2nd February at 5.45 p.m. in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

Tea will be served from 5 p.m.

NOTICE

RECRUITING L.E.P.

All vacancies on the 4th. Course for Locally Enlisted Personnel at Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit, Lyemun have now been filled. The Recruiting Office in Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon will therefore be closed until recruiting begins for the 5th. Course in March, 1949.

A further announcement will be made in this paper when recruiting recommences.

J. F. SOPER, Major,

Officer-in-Charge Recruiting.

Hong Kong & New Territories.

NOTICE

LIBERTY THEATRE

The Management wish to thank all friends who attended the Ceremonial Opening of the Theatre on January 28th and for the gifts and encouragement received.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 5th. day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st. December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

"The Register" of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th. of February to Saturday the 5th. of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE

COMPANIES (Reconstruction of Records) ORDINANCE 1947, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 1948.

ANGLO AMERICAN STEVEDORING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The above Company has during 1941-1945 lost its Memorandum of Association and is unable to secure a copy thereof and it is accordingly proposed to adopt a new Memorandum pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the abovementioned Ordinance. A copy of such proposed new Memorandum may be inspected at the Company's registered office situate at No. 7, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, by any member or creditor of the Company during usual business hours. If any person, firm or corporation has any objections to such proposed new Memorandum, the nature of such objections should be stated briefly in writing and before the 4th March, 1949, filed with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with an address for service within the Colony of such person, firm or corporation objecting.

Dated the 14th day of January, 1949.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the abovenamed Company.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG REEL CLUB

The Annual Dance of the Hongkong Reel Club will take place in the Gripps on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1949.

Will all members and their friends wishing to attend please contact the Secretary.

MRS. J. SHEWAN,
Hon. Secretary,
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NOTICE

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 12th February, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 3rd February, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

NOTICE

Mr. Jose Eduardo Noronha has this day been authorised to sign on procuration for this Company.

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REVISION OF FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of February, 1949, the undermentioned Bus Routes will be divided into Sectional Stages and fares will be charged as follows:

Route No. 1. Star Ferry and Kowloon City.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshulpo.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 4. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via: Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Austin Road.
- Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
- Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Peace Avenue.
- Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
- Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
- Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route 10. Star Ferry and The Monument.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Carnarvon Road, Kimberley Road, Austin Road, Cox's Path and Jordan Road.

SECTIONAL STAGE

Route No. 11. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon City.

Via: Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Matauwei Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

Via: Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road (Shumshulpo), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
- Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via: Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

SCALE OF CHARGES

ROUTE NOS. 1 TO 13 (INCLUSIVE)
10 cents will be charged for the first Sectional Stage or part thereof, and 10 cents for the subsequent Sectional Stages or part thereof (i.e., 20 cents Through Fare).

British Service Men (Army, Navy and Air Force Personnel) in uniform and children under the age of 12 years will be carried at 10 cents through fare only. Children under the age of 4 years not occupying a seat and accompanied by an adult passenger may be carried free of charge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the company reserves its rights to introduce Two Class Accommodation (i.e. First and Second Class) in the buses operated by the company, and to adjust the fares (within the rates prescribed by this Licence) at any time, upon reasonable notice being given.

MONTHLY TICKETS & SCHOOL CHILDREN TICKETS

As from the Month of February, 1949, Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets will be issued at \$18.00 and \$6.00 per ticket respectively; the use of such tickets are restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (inclusive) only, and can be obtained as follows:

On 29th, 30th and 31st January and 1st, 2nd and 3rd February between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. at Tsim Tsa Tsui Bus Terminal Office, Kowloon, and thereafter at the Company's Office, 183 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, during regular business hours only.

School Children's Ticket entitles the holder to a maximum of 4 single journeys daily (Sundays omitted) and confined to the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. only.

School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

Monthly Tickets and School Children's Tickets are available for the month of issue only.

The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

Dated the 27th day of January, 1949.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., (1933) LTD.
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By Dick Turner



"I'll have you know, sirs, that serving my country turned my hair white—worrying about votes!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Authority

ODD BIDS AND SIGNALS
ONE OF THE most important provisions of the Laws of Contract Bridge—not only of those which went into effect on the first of October last, but of all previous codes—covers the use of special conventions in bidding or play. The underlying principle is that, if a particular bid, lead or play by your partner conveys to you information at all different from its natural or accepted customary meaning, your opponents are entitled to receive the same specific message. Otherwise you would have an unfair advantage over them, the same as if you deliberately used a private or secret convention.

The new Laws cover that point splendidly, clearly and fairly. The job is done in the last part of the first section of the Laws, titled "The Proprieties." Its first sentence says: "It is improper to employ, without explaining its meaning to opponents, a convention in calling or answering a convention in play, the significance of which may not be clear to them."

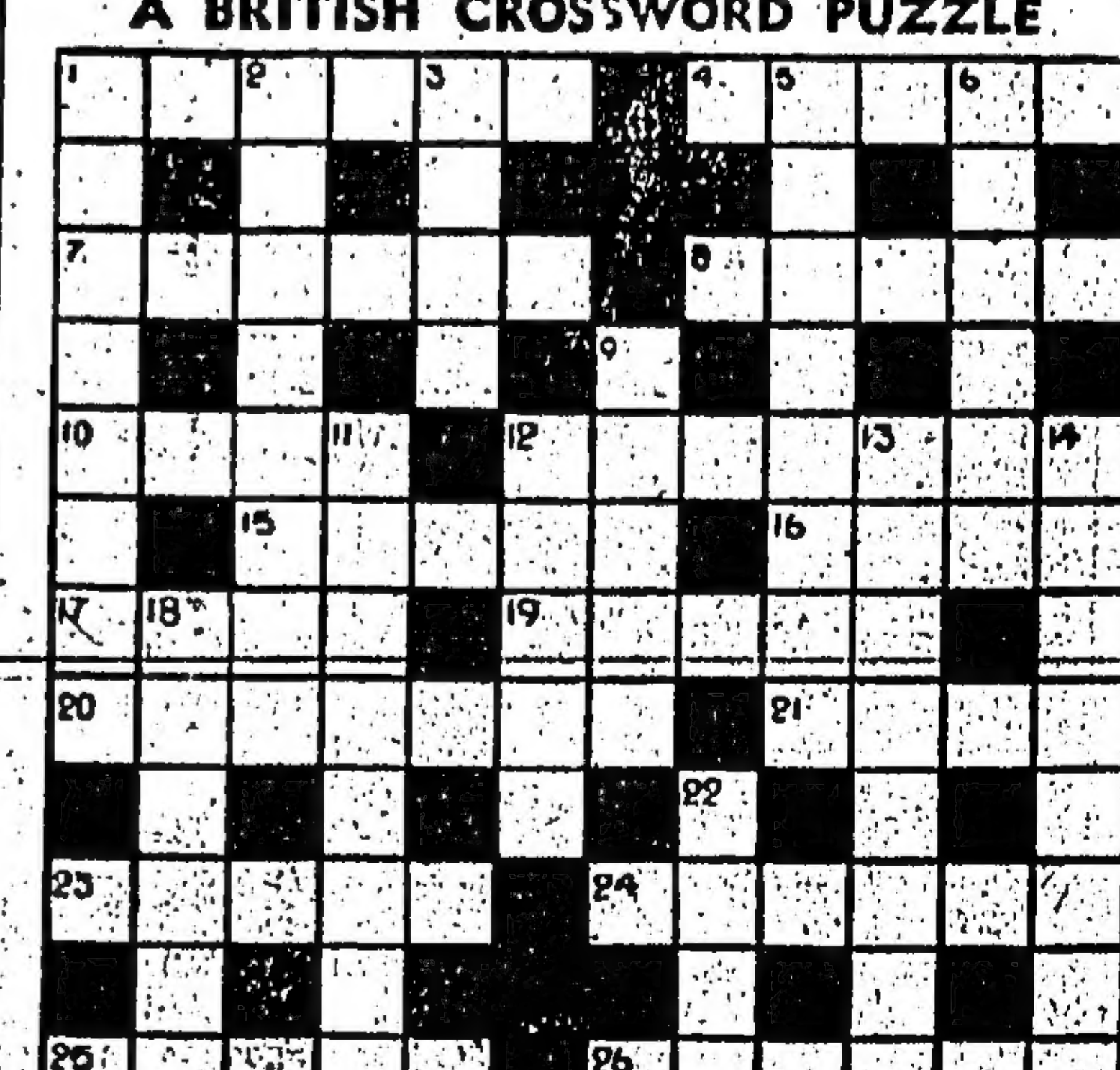
In other words, if you are using the Blackwood slam convention, you should tell your opponents so. If you employ some variation of it, which some players might call "an improvement," such as using 4-Clubs instead of 4-No Trumps to ask for aces, you should give a full explanation. If in leading an honour you always lead the second card of a sequence, such as the queen from king-queen, jack from queen-jack, and so on, you are departing from customary practice and giving your partner information which unfairly helps your side unless you in advance tell your opponents about it.

The section of The Proprieties continues thus: "When applied to a call, the term convention covers a call designed to convey an arbitrary or artificial meaning, or used by a player with the assurance that his partner will not accept it in its natural sense; such a call is not subject to penalty as an improper remark; it is necessary that a convention so used should be fully understood by the other side, and players using convention call should be ready to reply fully to a proper inquiry by an opponent as to its meaning or use."

Then the Law says: "Should it be necessary to make such an inquiry during the auction, the partner of the player who has made the convention call should reply." That is important. In other words, the partner of the bidder must tell what special information he received from the call, and in such cases it is usually advisable to ask the bidder to leave the table while the conversation goes on, so that he will not learn anything unauthorised about what his partner believes the bid means. A question of that nature could be regarded as an original bid of two when 1-Club is used to indicate a generally strong hand, or about the meaning of an original bid of three or various other possibly ambiguous calls.

That section of The Proprieties concludes with: "The committee of any Association, Tournament or Club, or a group of persons playing Contract Bridge, may prohibit or restrict the use of conventions which are both generally unrecognised and sufficiently intricate to cause unreasonable delay." That is just simple fairness to the majority, whose time should not be wasted inordinately by long-winded and perhaps repeated explanations which prolong the game unduly and thus detract from its pleasure.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Dog. 10 False. 19 Treachery. 20 Bathing. 21 Place. 22 Substantial. 23 Chaparron. 24 Colour. 25 Security. 26 Bold.

Down
1 Travel document. 2 Inn. 3 Avid. 4 Odours. 5 Emergent. 6 Tease. 7 Bristle. 8 Gnat. 9 Tweak. 10 Mosaic. 11 Suffer. 12 Agile. 13 Merry. 14 Pupa. 15 Once.

Saturday's Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Pinpoint, 2 Turbulent, 3 Antidote, 4 Assured, 5 Bristle, 6 Gnat, 7 Tweak, 8 Mosaic, 9 Suffer, 10 Agile, 11 Merry, 12 Pupa, 13 Once.

Down: 1 Steel, 2 Bisk, 3 Peasant, 4 Inns, 5 Avid, 6 Odours, 7 Emergent, 8 Tease, 9 Bristle, 10 Gnat, 11 Suffer, 12 Agile, 13 Merry, 14 Pupa, 15 Once.

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"I WANT TO BE A MAN"
"I WANT TO BE A WOMAN"
"I WANT TO BE A KING"
"I WANT TO BE A QUEEN"
"I WANT TO BE A PRINCE"
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ISRAELI SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW CHRIST'S CONVICTION?

Jerusalem, January 28.

Foreign Threat To Britain?

Moscow, January 30.
British commercial and industrial circles are feeling anxious in the face of re-viving Japanese and German competition on the world market, Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, declared today.

"The competition could become very unpleasant for British capital. After losing a considerable part of their foreign investments and their profits from shipping, the British ruling circles are frantically holding to exports as their last anchor," Pravda said.

British industrialists demanded "the muzzling of the West German exports by administrative measures to be taken by the occupation authorities, but Britain is no more the master of the situation in Western Germany."

"Today, the only bosses there are the American monopolies intimately entangled with huge German concerns. A similar situation exists in Japan,"—Reuter.

Trial Of Axis Sally

Washington, January 30.
The Government today disclosed that it had called two witnesses from Germany to testify that they acted with Axis Sally in a Nazi drama aimed at preventing the invasion of Europe.

The witnesses are scheduled to testify at the treason trial of Mildred Elizabeth Gillars, Malvern-born American woman accused of making the wartime Axis Sally propaganda broadcasts over the Nazi radio.

The trial will be resumed on Monday after the week-end recess.

The Judge and Jury already have listened, over specially-designed earphones, to recordings of broadcasts appealing to United States troops to surrender, United Press.

Search For Missing Superfort

London, January 30.
Three United States Superfortresses left Waddington, Lincolnshire, and Marham, Norfolk, today to continue the search for the B-29 Superfortress with 15 men on board which was reported missing on a flight from Dakar, West Africa, to Britain on Thursday night.

American aircraft from all parts of Europe and Africa have been mobilised to look for the missing plane, and the Royal Air Force is also co-operating in the search.

The American Air Force headquarters in London announced today that flares had been sighted just near the area where the missing Superfortress had sent out its last message.

Ships have left Port Lyautey, French Morocco, to search for the plane.

The statement said the flares were sighted 50 miles North of Las Palmas, in the Canaries. It added: "With the prevailing current being South East, the possibility of this being the drift position of the survivors is very encouraging."

A constant radio signal, which, it was thought, might have come from the survivors, was picked up on Friday by wireless stations at La Palmas and Rio de Oro, West Africa.—Reuter.

New York, January 31.
Monuments honouring Mohandas K. Gandhi will be erected in Washington and New York, Sir J. J. Singh, President of the Indian League of America, announced at memorial services held on the first anniversary of the Indian leader's death, Associated Press.

America Safe From Any Attack

Chicago, January 30.
General Clifton Cates, Commandant of the United States Marines, told a meeting of Reserve officers at Chicago that there was no potential enemy in the world who could threaten America with a land or sea attack.

The American defences should be directed solely against enemy air and submarine forces, he declared. "These are the only elements which can threaten us in the opening months or even years of hostilities,"—Reuter.

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12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children.
(Studio)
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Light Variety with the Guy's Rockets Dance Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Light Piano Parade.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Close Down.
5.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—London Studio Melodies. A Programme of Continuous Music by the Masqueraders with Wilfred Perry (Piano) (HUTCH)
6.50 p.m.—Antennae by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)
6.50 p.m.—A Short Variety Programme.
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15 p.m.—"See 'Em" Talks on Sport. (Studio)
7.25 p.m.—Interlude.
7.30 p.m.—Songs and Screen Favourites presented by Allen Woods. (Studio)
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
8.10 p.m.—Piano and Violin Recital by Solomon and Helfetz.
9.00 p.m.—A Story "Shot and Powder" Written and Read by Jack Shephard. (Studio)
9.15 p.m.—"Bright Moments" presented by Rawley and Landauer.
9.30 p.m.—"The Fire-Lighters" a Play about Thomas Carlyle by Laurence Houseman. (HUTCH)
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Music in Miniature. (HUTCH)
10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
11.30 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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DEFENCE TALKS COLLAPSE

Russia Puts Pressure On Norway

Key To Soviet Peace Move?

London, January 30. Some British quarters today expressed more interest over the timing of Marshal Josef Stalin's statement than over their actual contents. They regarded Stalin's answers as a soft message to the United States. But it came within 24 hours after a tough Moscow denunciation of Western Union and a note to Norway that caused some concern. One British authority said this added up to a policy of "intimidating the weak and coaxing the strong."

Britons felt that Stalin's answers did not directly concern Britain except for the statement on the Berlin blockade. They saw little prospect that the answer on this point would lead to settlement of the blockade.—United Press.

Pay Raise For U.S. Services?

Washington, January 30. The Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, today approved proposals to give members of the armed services an average 15 per cent pay raise and passed the plan along to President Truman's Budget Bureau.

Mr. Forrestal announced that he had stamped his approval on most pay raise recommendations of the special commission headed by Mr. Charles Hook, board chairman of American Rolling Mills. His endorsement presumably means the plan will be sent to Congress by the President.

The Secretary noted that Mr. Truman already had included an estimate of \$540,000,000 in his fiscal budget to cover the cost. Most changes cover retirement provisions.

Mr. Forrestal said their general effect would be to let certain groups of armed service personnel currently in the service keep their existing retirement benefits if they wish.

The Commission suggested extra pay for certain types of specially hazardous duty involving unusual risks in training or carrying out.—United Press.

Labour MP Hits At Churchill

Wigan, Lancashire, January 30.

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Labour Member of Parliament tonight urged Britain to approach the Soviet Union for a settlement under the United Nations of the Middle East and Far East problems jointly with interested countries like the United States.

He told a Wigan Labour meeting that Mr. Winston Churchill wished to lead the world to a "blister and bloodier war of intervention against the European, Russian and Chinese revolutions."

As long as Labour ruled, Britain would never be committed to such "supreme folly and barbarism," he declared. The British Government's failure in Palestine was a symptom of a worldwide breakup of Anglo-American policy, he said.—Reuter.

Says Alliance Is Aggressive Act

Oslo, January 31.

Scandinavian defence talks ended in failure yesterday after Russia applied pressure on Norway to make a choice between East and West.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark were divided on whether to throw in their lot definitely with the Western powers. Norway wanted to join with the West and apparently stick to it.

The Russian move switched the focus of the cold war to the three Scandinavian countries, which traditionally have sought to follow a policy of neutrality in major world struggles.

Soviet Ambassador S. A. Afanasyev asked Norway on Saturday whether she intended to join the projected North Atlantic alliance and if she planned to grant military bases on her soil to the Western powers.

Deliveries of the statement to the Norwegian authorities here came only a few hours after the Soviet government asserted the North Atlantic pact now being negotiated in Washington is intended to establish American-British domination of the world by force.

The Russian squeeze on Norway was not a complete surprise. It came at a psychological moment in the Scandinavian defence talks.

After these talks were concluded, the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Foreign Ministers issued a communique yesterday which said that in spite of sincere efforts, no basis for a Scandinavian pact could be found.

Specifically, the split was over whether or not such a pact should be linked to the more embracing Western defence system. Norway took a stand in favour of joining such a system, while Sweden clung to the principle of neutrality. Denmark was said not to have made up her mind definitely which way to go.

Futile Efforts
All efforts to break the Swedish-Norwegian deadlock proved futile in negotiations which have stretched over months. Norway pointed out her military forces are relatively weak and would have to be strengthened by equipment from the West since such supplies were not available anywhere else.

Officials in Stockholm and Copenhagen said Russia had made no approach to Sweden and Denmark similar to the one made to Norway.

Meanwhile, Norwegian officials sources intimated Norway's answer to Russia will come soon and that it will not be difficult to formulate. The informants did not elaborate.

Aggressive Pact
Afanasyev, the U.S.S.R. Ambassador, visited Schilstad, General Secretary of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, and said the Soviet Government had instructed him to state: "although the initiators of this (Atlantic Pact) Union declare that the aims of the Atlantic Union are for defence, the Soviet Union has sufficient grounds for asserting that the Atlantic Union, now in preparation, cannot serve to strengthen universal peace, but on the contrary, is a group of powers which pursues aggressive aims, which is

Russians Want War?

Frankfurt, January 30.

Two former Soviet air-men, who fled their homeland in a stolen bomber, said today that Russia would go on secretly preparing for war despite the current peace offensive ordered by Stalin.

Anatoly Barsov, former Soviet pilot, and Peter Pirogov, former navigator, told newsmen Stalin had ordered a peace offensive because he was losing the cold war with the West.

Both men have volunteered to go to the United States and broadcast to their countrymen over the "Voice of America."

They are scheduled to leave Frankfurt by plane in a day or two, according to the U.S. Air Force.—United Press.

Brussels Pact Too Weak?

New York, January 30.

The New York Herald-Tribune, in a leading article on the formation of the Council of Europe, said today that many would be disappointed that holder steps were not taken more quickly.

It added: "Nevertheless, the political nucleus of a United Europe has been proclaimed, and all the logic of necessity demands that it be expanded and made constructive."

"Europe has a great role to play in the world, but only through unity, voluntarily achieved, can it meet its responsibilities."

The New York Times said the mere announcement of the Brussels Pact powers plan for unity did not itself create unity.

"What the plan does show is that the governments of five nations desire unity and are willing to sacrifice some sovereignty in order to attain it," it said.

"Many years will have to pass before political nationalism, with its jealousies, will disappear from Europe."

"We can thank the Communists for hastening this day. And we have the right to hope that this day will bring the salvation of the troubled world lay in Gandhi's teachings, and by following them India could set an example to the world."

"Let us on this day rededicate ourselves to the ideals of Gandhi," he concluded.—Reuter.

ANDREI VISHINSKY REPORTED ILL

Prague, January 31.

Andrei Vishinsky, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, had recovered sufficiently on Sunday to leave the Red Army Sanatorium at Karlovy Vary for several hours.

Friendship Message To Israel

Tel Aviv, January 31.

Hope for the establishment of friendly relations between His Majesty's Government and the Israeli Government was expressed in a message sent on Sunday by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, to Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of Israel.

Mr. Shertok, in his reply, expressed the same desire—that recognition of Israel by Britain would mark the beginning of friendly relations.

Mr. Bevin's message was handed to Israel's Foreign Minister by Mr. Cyril Marriot, British Consul General in Haifa. Mr. Marriot called on Mr. Shertok at the Hagia Sophia, seat of the Israeli Government, shortly after 11.00 o'clock Sunday morning (local time). The visit lasted for half an hour.

Mr. Marriot is expected to be the first Acting British Representative in Israel.—Associated Press.

SYRIA PROTESTS ISRAEL ACTION

Damascus, January 30.

The Syrian Premier, Dr. Khaled El Azem, said today that he had sent a protest to the Security Council against an Israeli ordinance confiscating Arab absentee's properties in Israeli territory.

He told Parliament last night that he had been informed of such an ordinance and that he was taking steps to protect the Palestine Arabs.—Reuter.

ISRAELI ASSEMBLY IS DOMINATED BY LEFTWING PARTIES

Tel Aviv, January 30.

The left wing parties—the MAPAI (Labour), the MAPAM (left wing Socialists) and the Communists—will control more than half the seats in the Israeli Constituent Assembly.

It is expected that the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion's, new Government will be left of centre, excluding the Communists and taking in the centre parties.

The MAPAI Party polled over twice as many votes in Israel's general election as its nearest rival—the leftwing MAPAM Party—it was officially announced tonight.

The full election results, including the Army vote, which has taken five days to count, are: MAPAI—152,972 votes. MAPAM—63,107. United Religious Party—52,033. Heruth (formerly the Irqun Zvai Leumi)—49,220. General Zionists (rightwing Centre)—22,514. Progressives (leftwing Centre)—17,080. Sephardim—15,017. Communists—14,999. The total number of votes cast was 427,029.

The only other parties getting sufficient votes to entitle them to Council seats were: Nazareth Arabs 7,387. Fighters (Stern Gang terrorists) 5,499. Yemenites—4,969. Women's International Zionist Organisation—4,017.

The exact percentage of the total vote was not revealed for security reasons, but it was known to be heavy. The exact allocation of Assembly seats is not expected to be officially revealed before Wednesday.—Reuter.

Gandhi's Message Recalled

New Delhi, January 30.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, today appealed on the anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi for the world to settle its differences by peaceful methods.

He recalled his own speech after the Mahatma's death when he said: "The light which illuminated our lives has gone out," and said he now knew that it had not gone out, but shone more brightly than ever.

Gandhi's message that we cannot afford to ignore moral values was never more pertinent to the problems of the world, Pandit Nehru said.

Pandit Nehru said: "While conflict and hatred cannot end troubles in India and the world, peaceful methods and co-operation can."

"We seek no dominions or advantages, but we shall guard our own," the Prime Minister added. The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, said the salvation of the troubled world lay in Gandhi's teachings, and by following them India could set an example to the world.

"Let us on this day rededicate ourselves to the ideals of Gandhi," he concluded.—Reuter.

MOSCOW EXPEDITION

London, January 30.

Radio Moscow said today that a Soviet scientific expedition has returned from the Gobi desert with a wealth of finds, including a three-ton skeleton of a trachodont dinosaur.

The expedition from the Paleontological Institute of the Academy of Sciences spent six months under exceedingly difficult conditions in the sand-swept desert. It brought back to Moscow the remains of animals that lived 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 years ago. These include reptilian and mammalian dinosaurs, gigantic tortoises and rodents, as well as fossilized dinosaur eggs.

The expedition will return to the Gobi later this year, the broadcast said.—United Press.

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Disagree On Greek Peace Proposals

Athens, January 30.

Radio Athens' reply to guerrilla General Markos Vafiades' peace proposals appeared today to be degenerating into a squabble over the broadcast's interpretation and intention.

The Friday night broadcast by the Government-controlled radio made three points in replying to Markos.

To the demand for general elections, the radio said: "No one has any objection to this."

To the request for a ceasefire, the radio said: "It is enough for the bandits to lay down their arms."

It answered Markos' stipulation that the Anglo-Americans leave Greece with the statement: "The sovereign people could solve this question in elections."

The Press Ministry, which prepared the broadcast statement and issued it to the press, said today that any reports that the statement represented the Government reply to Markos were misinterpretations.

The Greek press has been sharply critical of the statement and the way it was issued, and the Populist Party described it as a "malevolent attempt to undermine Greece" and demanded that those responsible for the report be revealed.

The Conservative newspaper Kathimeris said the report was not presented in good faith and that Greece had never intended to discuss the guerrilla proposals.

The Liberal Vima said the new Markos proposal was similar to previous ones, and therefore there could be no question of following it up in any way.—United Press.

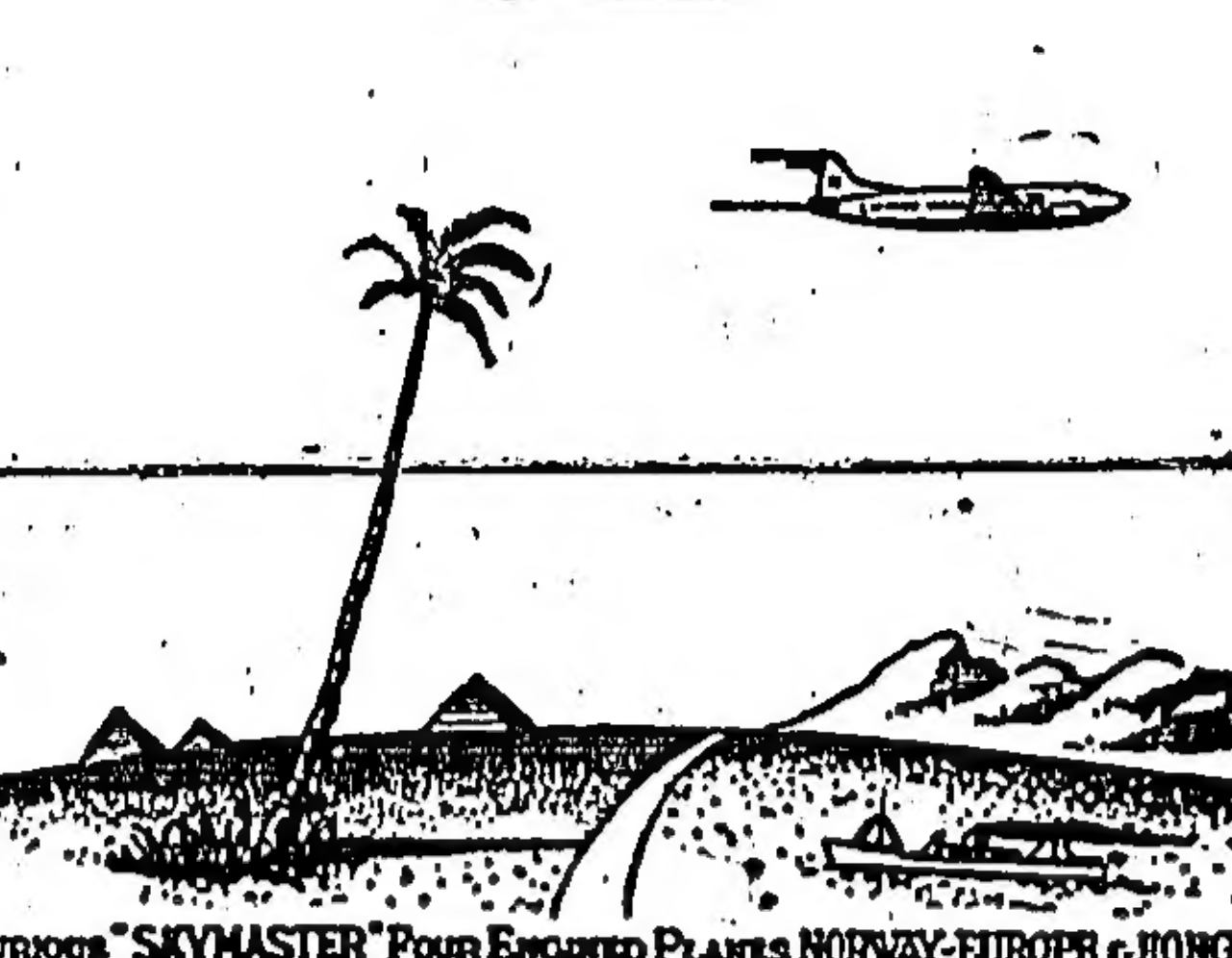
"LIBERATION" OF ATHENS

Berlin, January 30.

Major General Lambros, an officer of General Markos' Free Greek Army claimed before a Soviet sector audience of 1,000 tonight that the liberation of Athens is imminent.

The crowd in Berlin's Opera House also heard a speech by the Minister of Social Affairs in the Markos Government, Professor Kokkalis, who heads a delegation consisting of two Markos generals, two senior officials and a journalist, now touring the Soviet Zone.—Reuter.

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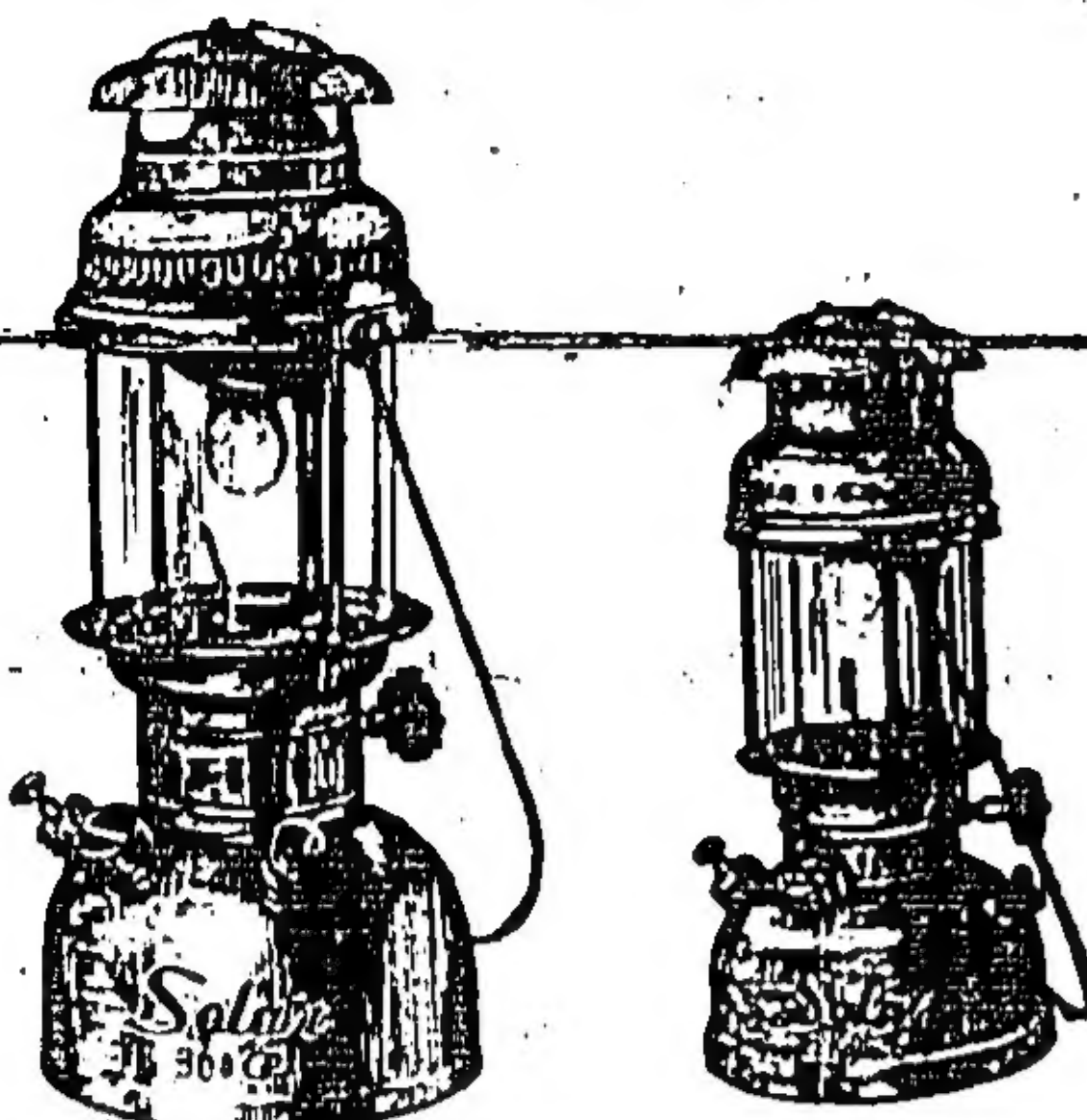
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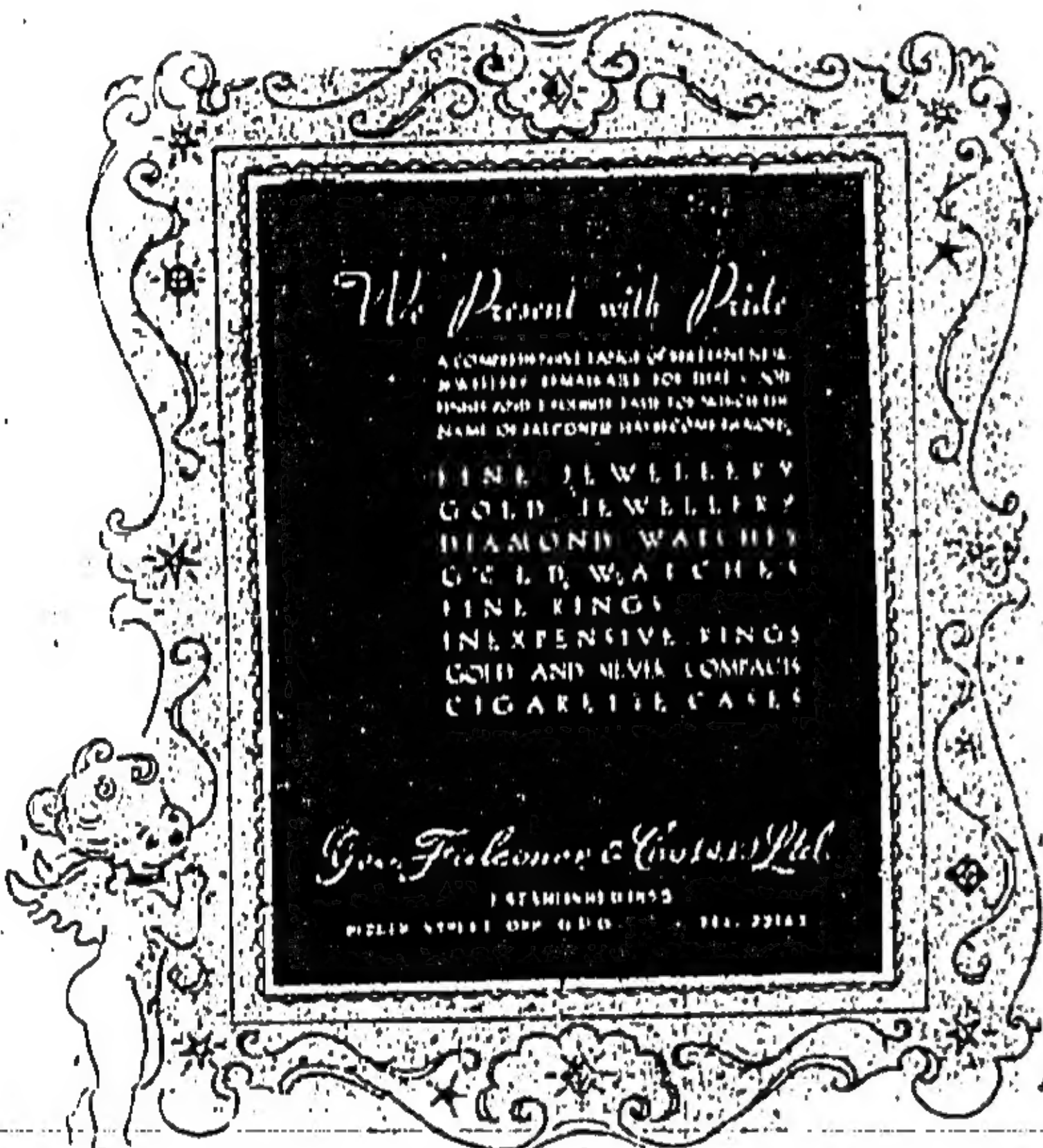
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STALIN PROPOSES TO JOIN UNITED STATES IN OUTLAWING WAR

Moscow, January 30.

Greece To Join Atlantic Pact?

Athens, January 30. Athens Radio tonight quoted Greek authoritative circles for a denial of a report said to have been broadcast by Moscow Radio that Greece might join the Atlantic Pact. "Press reports have said, however, that during the recent visit to London of M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, the question of a Mediterranean agreement was discussed," Athens Radio stated.

World Bank To Recover U.S. Funds

Washington, January 30. The World Bank may shortly make another attempt to pry loose from European hiding places American dollars, estimated to total thousands of millions, which could be used to promote foreign economic recovery.

Washington Bank officials said they hoped to attract the money by special bond sales. They planned to try this new method first in Belgium and, should this succeed, the project would be repeated in other countries.

The officials said the fate of the plan rested with the Belgian Government, which must first agree not to penalize bond buyers by taxes or, by freezing their dollar assets.

European Governments were expected to co-operate because they are vitally interested in circulating hoarded dollars, particularly in their own countries, through Bank loans.—Reuter.

TOA Plane Impounded

Manila, January 31.

The Trans-Ocean Airlines plane which arrived on Saturday with a load of European refugees from Shanghai has been impounded at Manila International Airport by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Major A. Cruz, Civil Aeronautics Administrator, said the American-registered TAL plane was permitted to make only three flights to Manila to bring in refugees from Shanghai, but already had made more than three flights, in violation of regulations.

Major Cruz said another TAL plane loaded with refugees, which was to have arrived last night, was warned that CAA would not permit a landing at the airport, and it returned to Shanghai.

The Administrator said he had ordered a preliminary investigation to determine who was responsible for violation of the agreement regarding TAL flights. CNAC and Philippine Airlines are also authorized to transport refugees from Shanghai.—United Press.

Generalissimo Stalin said today that the Soviet Union was ready to make a joint declaration with the United States outlawing war, and offered to meet President Truman to draft such a peace pact.

Marshal Stalin was replying to a questionnaire submitted to him by the Hearst-owned International News Service. In his reply, broadcast by Moscow Radio he also said that the Soviet Union would co-operate with the United States in gradual disarmament measures.

Marshal Stalin said he would have no objection to meeting President Truman for the purpose of drafting a world peace pact.

Asked whether the Soviet Government would be prepared to consider, along with the United States, a programme such as gradual disarmament, Marshal Stalin said that the Soviet Union could co-operate with the United States in carrying measures which would lead to a gradual disarmament.

Compromise Plan

Marshal Stalin said that if the Governments of the United States, Britain and France would agree to the postponement of the creation of a separate West German State until a Foreign Ministers Council could meet to consider the German problem as a whole, the Soviet Union would see no obstacles to the lifting of the transport restrictions in Berlin.

He said it would be necessary, however, that the transport and trade restrictions introduced in retaliation by the three powers be lifted.

Marshal Stalin's statements were made in answer to a series of questions put by Mr. Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager of the Hearst-owned International News Service, of America, submitted on January 27.

The questions and Marshal Stalin's answers were broadcast tonight by Moscow Radio.

The text of the questions and answers were:

1. Will the Soviet Government be ready to discuss the question of publishing, together with the United States, a declaration that neither Government has any intention of going to war against the other?

Marshal Stalin: "The Soviet Government would be ready to consider the question of publishing such a declaration."

2. Is the Soviet Government prepared to co-operate with the United States Government in taking measures aimed at bringing about such a world peace pact which would lead to a gradual disarmament?

Marshal Stalin: "Naturally, the Soviet Government would be ready to co-operate with the United States Government in adopting measures which would lead towards the realisation of a peace pact and to gradual disarmament."

3. If the Governments of the United States, Britain and France agree to postpone the creation of a separate West German Government, pending a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to consider the German problem as a whole, would the Government of the USSR be prepared to lift the restrictions on communications between Berlin and the Western Zones of Germany?

Marshal Stalin: "Provided the three Governments concerned observe the conditions mentioned in this question, the Soviet Government sees no objections to lifting the transport restrictions, provided that the restrictions on transport and trade imposed by the three powers are lifted at the same time."

4. Is Your Excellency prepared to meet President Truman at a mutually suitable place for the purpose of discussing the possibility of such a world pact?

Marshal Stalin: "I have already stated that there are no objections to such a meeting." Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent writes:

The Soviet Premier's expressed wish for better relations with the Western powers, contained in his statement made to a United States news agency in Moscow, caused a stir in diplomatic quarters in London this evening. Observers in London immediately drew the conclusion that the essence of Marshal Stalin's statement was his offer to call off the Berlin blockade provided that Britain, France and the United States held up the creation of a separate West German Government until the whole problem of Germany had been discussed again on a four-power basis at the Council of Foreign Ministers.

This appeal was interpreted in London as a last-minute bid to prevent the final splitting of

Germany by the setting up of a West German Government, now expected to take place in the spring.—Reuter

Juvenile Delinquency On Decline In U.S.

Washington, January 30.

According to government statisticians, juvenile delinquency in the United States is on the decrease.

Official records show that in 1947 the rate of arrests of persons under 18 years of age was only 4.7 per cent of all arrests contrasted with 9.1 per cent in 1945.

Undoubtedly the end of the war, accompanied by closer parental restraint and guidance, is partially responsible for the decline. But one major factor in the extensive programme of governmental and private organisation to curb youthful law breakers.

Even though fewer juveniles were arrested during the first six months of 1948 than in the same period a year ago, Americans were sobered by these facts:

Of the 377,933 persons arrested from January through June this year, 16,943 were under 18 and 60,862 were under 21. Although 32.9 per cent of all persons arrested were less than 25, this age bracket contributed 45.2 per cent of those charged with larceny, 55.5 per cent of those charged with robbery, 59.9 per cent of those charged with burglary and 71.6 of those charged with auto theft.

Whose Responsibility?

What is responsible for the arrest and imprisonment each year of thousands of American young people, 52 per cent of whom return to the penitentiary in their adult years?

President Truman says: "The roots of the problem lie in the homes, the schools, and the churches of our nation. If results are to be achieved, it must be through the citizen and his community, with state and local officials also having a vital stake in the operation."

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the United States FBI, answers in a similar vein: "Their lawlessness has had its roots in every instance in broken homes, in homes where mothers and fathers because of their neglect, misunderstanding, or irresponsibility had failed in their primary obligation. More often than not, God was unknown or more important, was unwelcome in these homes."

Ambitious Programme

The most ambitious programme yet conceived in the U.S. to combat juvenile delinquency was planned two years ago when 800 experts attended in Washington the national conference on prevention and control of juvenile delinquency sponsored by the Justice Department.

The conference recognised, in a report which four young persons aged 17 to 24 helped draft, that: "If children and young people are to become self-reliant, self-disciplined, and thinking adults so essential to the success of a democratic society, these children and young people must be recognized as increasingly capable of managing their own affairs and of sharing responsibility for the affairs of the community."

EGYPT VISITED BY MODERN "PLAGUE"

Cairo, January 30.

Drug trafficking in Egypt has increased to such alarming proportions during the past year that it is now widely referred to here as the "modern plague of Egypt."

Smugglers have smashed all records, introducing into the country during 1948 nearly 1,000 tons of hashish and opium, on which it is estimated they made a net profit of £100,000,000.

Majors General Abdul Monem and Major General Director General of the Egyptian Coast Guard Service, stated in an interview recently that during 1948 the Coast Guard had seized nearly 10 tons of illicit drugs and that this quantity was estimated to represent only about one per cent of the hashish and opium smuggled into the country.

Minister Pasha declared that

NZ Recognises Israel

Wellington, January 31. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, announced on Saturday night that the Government of New Zealand had granted de facto recognition to the Government of Israel. He said in a statement that events in Palestine in recent months have made it evident that a Jewish State has been established as a political entity and must be accepted as such.—Associated Press.

Refugees Relate Horror Of Burma Rebellion

Rangoon, Burma, January 31.

A plane load of American and British subjects told yesterday of their rescue from the town of Boso-in, which has become a flaming battleground in Burma's civil war.

Guns blazed in fierce street fighting, and fires dotted the town as their plane took off on Saturday with the liberated foreigners, three of them American missionaries.

Two Americans were left behind. One of them is Mrs. Charles Conard, a missionary whose husband is in Rangoon.

Friendly Natives

Friendly natives risked their lives to dash through flaming streets and carry them to a place of safety.

Missionary Erville E. Howards, of Granville, Ohio, remained in Bassein, about 170 miles West of here, on the Irrawaddy River Delta.

The story was told by Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Sargeant, of Oakland, California, Seventh Day Adventist missionaries, and by the pilot, Captain Roy W. Marriott, former Royal Air Force flier.

Conard said he was received on word of his wife since the friendly Karens took her away. "I am worried, as she is in delicate health and not fit to stand a rigorous journey and unpleasant experience," he said in an interview. "But I am confident our Karen friends will protect her as long as they are able."

Forced Landing

The foreign group, which also included a number of Britons, had made a forced landing at Bassein on Friday just before Karen rebels and Burmese Communists insurgents captured the town. They were liberated, they said, when government troops stormed the city on Saturday.

A government communique announced the rebels finally have been driven from Bassein, in a powerful offensive in which the Nationalists are hitting "with everything we've got."

The communique said Nationalist columns also were fighting to recapture points on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway which have fallen to the rebels. It described the campaign as progressing most satisfactorily.

The Karens, fierce fighters seeking to carve out their own separate state in Burma, caught the government by surprise when they linked forces with strong Burmese Communists. In a lightning offensive they cut off Rangoon, the capital city from its main food supplies in the North. Systematically they set about seizing key points in a wide perimeter about the capital.

A government communique announced strong reinforcements have been rushed to the area, but that the fighting has spread. Rebels fired some villages in the Maubin area midway between Bassein and Rangoon, the government said.

Another official announcement said some strong unidentified rebel groups fought a 10-hour battle at Sinbaugwe, a town South of the Yenyaung oil fields, about 180 miles North of Rangoon.

Burma, fighting to consolidate its independence, has been beset by a series of revolutionary movements, some of them entirely unrelated. Several Communist groups, some of

them fighting independently and some in collaboration with one another, are among the rebel movements.

Peace Talks

New peace talks between Karen and government leaders started here yesterday. Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the Karen Nation Union, conferred with Premier Thakin Nu and military leaders.

Official sources said the leaders were renewing discussions of a peace agreement between the government and all of the various rebel groups. Ba U Gyi, and possibly other responsible Karens, might be offered Cabinet posts, the spokesman said.

A government source said the Karen Nation Union proposed these five points:

1. Government recognition of a separate Karen State known as Karenistan within the Burma Union.

2. Recognition of the Karen National Defence Organisation, now fighting the Government in the civil war, as an official military unit of Burma's armed forces, but assigned to Karenistan.

3. Official recognition of the auxiliary Union military police.

4. Amnesty for all warring Karens and other rebel units throughout the country, including Communists and disaffected groups of the Peoples Volunteer Organisation.

5. Formation of a coalition government to work for internal peace and enable holding of elections.

The informants said the programme would be presented to the full Burma Cabinet before any final decision is taken.

Meanwhile, the government announced it has dismissed all Karen police in its service and given one month's "vacation" to all except some high ranking officers.—Associated Press.

IRO Needs Help

Geneva, January 31.

The International Refugee Organisation is trying to find jobs and homes for 912 accountants, 539 dentists, 89 sculptors, 89 airplane pilots, 14 undertakers, 248 shepherds and shepherdesses, 604 policemen and thousands of farmers, lawyers, musicians and engineers.

The IRO just released a report on the occupational skills of the 55,000 refugees under its care.

Of 283,000 refugees between the ages of 16 and 65, some 81,000 are skilled in a manufacturing or non-manufacturing pursuit.

Concerning the high number of skilled refugees, the IRO report said: "The Nazi selection process which sought the most highly skilled workers for forced labour probably contributed to this unusually high proportion of skilled workers."

All of the refugees covered in the report are in Germany, Austria and Italy.—Associated Press.

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Acheson To Meet With Canada, Britain And Western Europe Nations

Washington, January 30.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, is expected to meet this week with the Ambassadors of Canada and the five Western European nations, possibly to reply to Russian charges that the North Atlantic security pact was warlike.

Truman Mum On Stalin's Proposal

Washington, January 30. Generalissimo Stalin's statement that he would be prepared to meet President Truman to discuss the differences between the two nations was brought to the President's attention immediately here today, but there was no official word of his reaction.

The State Department declared, however, that the Soviet Government had made no formal move to initiate the meeting between the two leaders.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the Press Officer, said the United States Government has not had any request, communication or approach of any sort.

It was immediately recalled that Mr. Truman has repeatedly asserted he would be ready to meet Generalissimo Stalin, but he had just as repeatedly insisted that he would not leave Washington to do this.

Whether Marshal Stalin regards Washington as a mutually acceptable place is probably not known outside the Kremlin.

Meanwhile, it seemed to diplomatic observers here that Generalissimo Stalin's statement is "the big push" in Russia's so-called peace offensive, and that recent pronouncements by Communist leaders urging a Stalin-Truman meeting were designed as a curtain-raiser to today's big development.

While Washington digested this latest pronouncement from the Kremlin, the only positive thing American official sources were saying was that Generalissimo Stalin's statement was regarded as important and deserved and would receive the closest study.

No More Isolation For U.S.

Topeka, Kansas, January 30.

The United States can no more return to a policy of isolation than an adult can return to childhood, Senator William F. Knowland, Republican, said in a speech prepared for delivery before the Kansas Day dinner.

"We must assume our responsibilities as a global power without whose active support there can be no adequate international system of law and order," he said.

The Senator said the United States had already become a signatory to a regional security pact embracing the Western Hemisphere within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

"Both the historic background and the geographic proximity make the prospective North Atlantic pact of equal importance to this nation. With the degree of collective security such a pact will furnish, it may be possible for the free nations of Western Europe to move on to a constructive settlement of their economic problems."

"In the real sense there can be no neutrality in the struggle to establish a free world of free men whose peace will be secure under collective security based on international law and justice," he said.—United Press.

Bunche Studies Peace Proposals

Rhodes, January 30.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, the United Nations acting mediator, spent today studying the Israeli and Egyptian armistice proposals with his Chief of Staff, General William Riley, and his legal adviser, Mr. Constantin Stavropoulos.

The biggest problem confronting Dr. Bunche was reported to be the proposals for fixing of battle lines for the armistice. But secondary problems, such as the exchange of prisoners, the supervision, reduction and withdrawal of opposing forces, were reported to have been solved.

The mediator will hand to the Israeli and Egyptian delegations tomorrow a summary of their viewpoints before a further informal meeting is held to hammer out the differences still threatening the breakdown of the talks.—United Press.

Catholics Slain By Reds?

New York, January 31. The Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York said yesterday he had received word that Catholic Priests, Brothers and Nuns had been slain, by Chinese Communists.

The most Reverend Thomas J. McDonnell said he was notified on Saturday that 58 Priests, 16 Brothers and 13 Nuns had been put to death by Chinese Reds. He said that his information came from Archbishop Riberi, Apostolic Internuncio in China.

The Catholic Churchman made the statement at a Knights of Columbus communion breakfast.

Asserting that Americans should not think of the Chinese Communists as any different from those of Soviet Russia, he added: "Archbishop Riberi has informed me that the Communists of China are the same as those of Russia, and that all their leaders have been trained in the Kremlin." — Associated Press.

Pravda Attacks Asia Meet

Moscow, January 31.

The newspaper Pravda charged yesterday that the recent Asian conference on Indonesia at New Delhi was only a disguised part of Anglo-American plans to dominate the world.

(The conference of 19 Asian countries) demanded that the United Nations call a halt on Dutch rule of Indonesia and compel the Dutch to cease military action there.)

Pravda, in an editorial, said the conference had "nothing in common with the struggle against Colonial rule of Imperialism or with the real interests of the peoples of Asia."

Boris Izakov, who signed the article, advanced the same thesis expressed in Saturday's long government declaration on the North Atlantic defence pact. He contended the conference was inspired by Colonial powers which attempted to steer it into forming a bloc against Russia.

The conference, Izakov wrote, accepted a plan which would maintain Colonial rule of Indonesia through artificial formation of the proposed United States of Indonesia.

(The New Delhi conference demanded that the US of Indonesia be created as a sovereign country.)—Associated Press.

Bomb Load Dropped On California

Washington, January 30.

A United States B-36 super-heavy stratosphere bomber carried 37-1/2 tons of bombs aloft today—the greatest bomb load ever lifted—and dropped them on a California bombing range, the United States Air Force announced.

The bomb load consisted of two guided missiles, without explosive charges.

The B-36 flew 2,000 miles from Carswell Base, Texas, to a bombing range at the Muroc, California, air test base, and returned to Texas, averaging more than 250 miles an hour for the flight.

The weight of the two bombs lifted by the six-engined Consolidated Vultee plane was equivalent to a wartime B-17 Flying Fortress.

At the take-off, the bomber, its bombs and fuel load totalled over 700,000 pounds. Both the bombs were carried in a normal manner within the huge bomb bay of the plane, one in each bay.

The B-36 was disabled on its return landing at Carswell Base today, when a propeller bit into the concrete runway as the main landing gear under the right wing collapsed.

That threw up sparks which set off rumours that the giant bomber had caught fire.—United Press.

FOUR KILLED IN JAPAN FIRE

Tokyo, January 31.

General MacArthur's Headquarters today revised its casualty list in the fire yesterday at the Air Force barracks at Yokota air base, near Tokyo, to four dead and five seriously injured.

The first reports said that five were killed, ten others missing and five seriously injured.

The barracks, which housed 34 men were destroyed within a few minutes.

The bodies have been recovered, but names are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.—United Press.

State Department To Run Germany?

Washington, January 30.

The Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, currently on route to Japan, tonight was said here to have asked President Truman to turn over to the State Department the job of administering occupied Germany, but Government officials said they had no knowledge of such a request.

Mr. Royall was said to have made the request in a letter to the White House shortly after his return on January 3 on a similar trip to Germany.

He reportedly sent a copy to the State Department.

Mr. Charles Ross, White House Press Secretary, said he knew nothing about the reported letter. The State Department spokesman was also silent.

Mr. Royall's aides said they did not know whether such a letter had been sent. If it was, they added, any information about it would have to come from the White House "as a matter of policy."

There is nothing new in the Army's attempts to get rid of the job of running the occupation zone of Germany. Military leaders repeatedly have tried to shift the task to the State Department in the past, claiming the Army should be relieved of its dual responsibility as soon as possible.

Second Time

The proposal almost went through in late 1947, but Mr. Truman rescinded the order for the switch because of the tense American-Russian relations and the lack of State Department personnel to do the job.

One high Government official said he could not understand why Mr. Royall would recommend a switch at this time. He said Russo-American relations were more strained than ever.

"It is hardly the time to make a change in our German policy," he said.

Asked about this, one of Mr. Royall's aides said: "I don't know whether the Secretary made a proposal or not. But if he did, the reason probably would be the Army's lack of funds."

He noted that President Truman's budget proposed a US\$25,000,000 cut in occupation costs during the 1950 fiscal year and said the Secretary might feel available funds should be used strictly for military purposes.

Clay To Step Down?

One report said that Mr. Royall was prompted by the fact that General Lucius Clay, United States commander in Europe, had expressed a desire to step down. He was said to feel this opened the way to reviewing the entire question of military versus civilian control.

However, Army sources said Mr. Truman has asked General Clay to stay in Germany until the tension caused by the cold war eased off.

The State Department traditionally has been reluctant to take over the administration in occupied areas. Officials consider it a "thankless job" at best and one for which the Department is only partially prepared.

Mr. George Marshall favoured the switch when he was serving as Army Chief of Staff, but changed his mind after taking over as Secretary of State.—United Press.

Italy Reds Oppose Alliance

Rome, January 30.

Palmiro Togliatti, Italy's Communist boss, warned the Government today that his Party's 2,500,000 members would fight Italian participation in the European Union and hinted that a special election should be called on the issue.

In a special statement in his Party's newspaper, *Unita*, condemning this new Holy Alliance, Togliatti warned:

"It seems the time is not yet finished when Italians must learn from the newspapers that their country is going to be kept part of an anti-Communist pact or of some other axis or triangle. We recall, however, what has been the outcome of similar policies."

He said the London decision for the formation of a European Union was a "very grave act of imperialistic policy which tends, not to unite Europe and the world, but to split it, preparing new conflicts."

His reference to a special election was a mere hint in which he reminded the Government that is could not join the European Union without Parliament's consent. However, this is already assured because the Catholic Christian Democrat Party of Premier Alcide de Gasperi has an absolute majority in the Assembly and has enough support for easy control of the Senate.

"Even before imagining this new Holy Alliance, they arise and impose itself on us a prejudicial question," said Togliatti. "The Italian Government cannot take any engagement in this field without consulting Parliament. It would say that, if the Christian Democrat Government were directed by honest persons, an appeal to the country would impose itself because all know that in the campaign of April 18 de Gasperi swore, and swore falsely, that he would never carry Italy into a bloc of powers." — United Press.

MUTINY CHARGE ACQUITTAL

Mombasa, January 30.

Nineteen Mauritian soldiers of No 2,047 Company of the Royal Pioneer Corps have been acquitted by a general court martial here on a charge of mutiny.

The charge arose from an incident when the accused were alleged to have combined together to disobey a sergeant's order. Evidence was brought that the sergeant did not give a direct order and the prosecution decided not to proceed with the case.—United Press.

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FIRE IN BOWEN ROAD

A small fire broke out on the roof of the Bowen Road Pumping Station building about 2 p.m. yesterday. A small quantity of flaming material and the blaze was put out by firemen soon after their arrival by fire engine.

A small fire broke out in Lee's Law, just 11.30 a.m. yesterday. About 1500 sq. yds. of land, a few cottages, were burnt. The fire was caused by a gas stove. The fire spread rapidly and the building was completely destroyed. The loss was estimated at about £10,000. The fire was extinguished by the Bow Road Fire Station.

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PARAGUAYAN GOVT IS OVERTHROWN

Asuncion, Paraguay, January 10.

The government of President Juan Nacionalio Gonzalez was overthrown today.

The President and the Finance Minister, Beandro Prieto, took refuge in the Brazilian Embassy.

It was announced that the National Assembly will meet this afternoon to elect a provisional president and cabinet members whose names were not divulged. Calm prevails throughout the country, official reports said.

The movement to overthrow Gonzalez began late on Saturday and was accomplished during the night without struggle.

The reports said that the movement was intended to attain the unity of the National Republican, or Colorado Party, of which Gonzalez is a member.

The public learned that something important was happening when police forces took precautionary measures and suspended broadcasts. The broadcasts were resumed today.

The authorities said they would issue a communique later informing the people of events that led to the fall of Gonzalez, who became President on August 15, 1948.—United Press.

Thieves Cut Telephone Cable

Manila, January 31.

Trans-Pacific telephone service was disrupted for five hours yesterday, and two radio stations were cut off the air when cable thieves snipped the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company line between Manila and Quezon City.

Substance was suspected by investigators who pointed out that only a 75-foot length of cable was stolen.

Recurrent wire thefts have brought investigation by Philippine and United States Army Authorities.—Associated Press.



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Press, Clergy Protest "White Australia" Policy

Melbourne, January 30.

Press and clergy today joined in voicing a nation-wide protest over Australia's decision to deport the Indonesian wife of an Australian, and her eight children.

Explosion Shatters 28 Homes

Manila, January 31.
An explosion of bombs in a Philippine Air Force ammunition dump set fire to 28 homes in Bauan, Batangas province, on Saturday night.

Reports reaching Manila today said that 174 persons were homeless as a result of the blast and were immediately reported from Bauan, 60 miles due South of Manila.

Dispatches from Batangas said 2,000 paraffin bombs were stored in the Air Force dump. (In Manila, Air Force sources said the latest tally listed 620 bombs of 500 pounds at Bauan). The cause of the explosions was not known.

Governor Feliciano Leviste of Batangas wired the Philippine National Red Cross asking for relief and aid for the homeless disaster victims.—Associated Press.

WHY GERMANY DIDN'T WIN THE WAR

Frankfurt, January 30.
Red tape and politics went a long way toward losing the war for Germany, a former high ranking Nazi commander told United States Army intelligence officers today.

Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's one-time operations officer, Lieutenant General Bodo von Zimmern, told the story of how Germany captured Allied operations plans prior to the Normandy invasion. Over 100 Allied plans came into German hands, but they never reached von Rundstedt's defending forces in Northern France.

The captured plans, Zimmern said, were so delayed by brass hats and various command headquarters that they lost all value by D-Day.

"The campaign in the West and the whole war were lost as soon as the invasion succeeded," he said.

Zimmern said Rundstedt was never allowed to make his own decisions. "Instead, his judgments were 'monotonously' disapproved by the Supreme Command, and generally without reason."

Finally, Zimmern declared, it was Hitler's own obsession for command and crystal-ball forecasting that caused the German front in France to fall apart.

Hitler tied strings on his most able field commanders, did his own predicting on Allied moves and had individual Army units operating without the slightest knowledge of the movements of other commands.—United Press.

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One clergyman said the order against the O'Keefe family, issued by the Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, under the "White Australia" policy, favored of inhumanity and gross lack of consideration. Justice should be tempered with mercy, he said. "If we build up a feeling among Australians by continuing this outmoded, short-sighted policy, we are only making ourselves growing cause for misunderstanding, hatred, wars, and more suffering."

"Adopt a quota system, make them all trade unionists and make certain they won't become a source of cheap labour—but let's think of them as human beings," the clergyman said.

"These antiquated ideas must be changed to meet new contingencies."

Support for the order came from the Returned Soldiers' League, whose secretary said: "If the White Australia policy is to be enforced, there must be no exceptions," but newspapers unanimously condemned Mr. Calwell's action.

The Sydney Morning Herald said: "At the very moment when the Government is denouncing the Dutch and showing what a stout friend it is to the Indonesians, it is incurring the odium of expelling an Indonesian woman and her children who sought sanctuary here during the war."

"The contrast between the Commonwealth's championship of the Indonesian cause and its treatment of this family cannot go unmarked in Asia."

"We won't fool Asia," the Sydney Telegraph headed its leader, and said: "Pandit Nehru and his Pacific bloc will watch the co-operation with interest. Of course, we can deny that the White Australia policy has any racial basis."

"And now we kick out the O'Keefe family because their skins are of a different colour. We have to admit this fact frankly before we begin to think clearly about the White Australia policy and the problems it raises for our future."

"Secondly, we can devote the best of our propaganda to persuading the Western world, particularly America, that their security on a planet, where the Asiatic bloc is multiplying, depends on the white man's control of this important base."

"Alternatively, we can let the Asiatic bloc in and mix our blood with his."—Reuter.

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Chiang Still Runs China?

Moscow, January 31.
The Russian press printed articles yesterday contending Chiang Kai-shek still rules China despite his announced retirement as President. The articles summarised dispatches from the Chinese news agency.

One article said Chiang is only playing for time, hoping to gain three months in which to regroup his scattered armies and renew the civil war. It asserted Chiang's agents are rounding up Chinese who oppose him and shipping them from Shanghai Southward for execution when "extreme necessity" arises.—Associated Press.

Polish-Rumanian Treaty Terms

Bucharest, January 30.
The text published today of the Polish-Rumanian pact, signed here last week, shows that it closely follows the Rumanian-Yugoslav pact of December, 1947, in giving mutual aid guarantees against possible German aggression.

The pact of "friendship co-operation and mutual assistance" binds the signatories to take all measures to avert a new aggression by Germany or any State which would associate with Germany.

The 20-year treaty will be carried out in accordance with the United Nations Charter.—Reuter.

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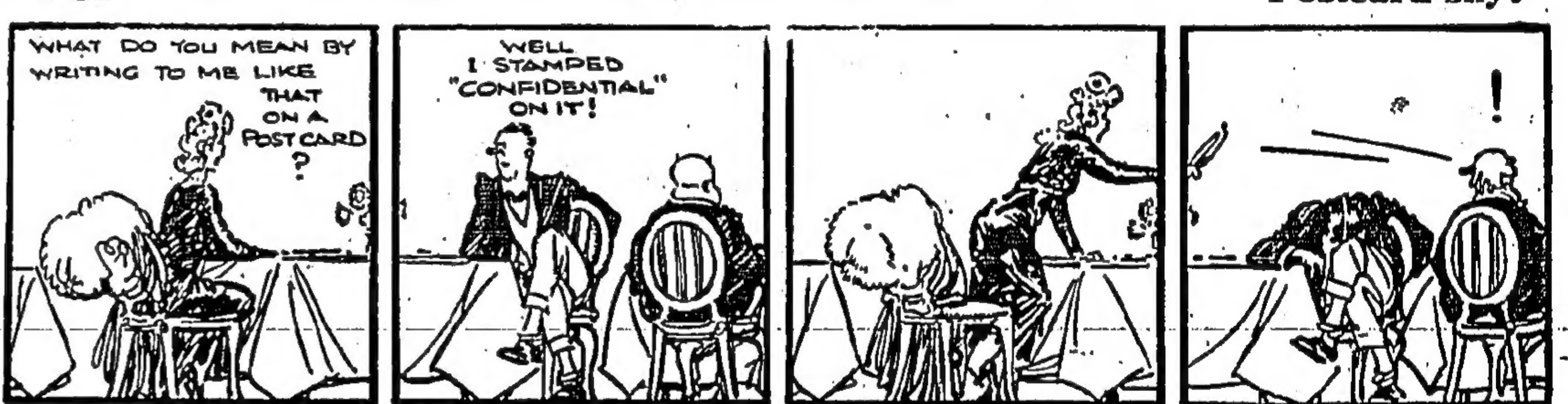
Karachi, January 30.

The Pakistani Government stated officially today that it considered recognition of Israel constitutionally wrong and morally unjust.

A Foreign Ministry press note said that recognition of Israel amounted to placing a premium on armed aggression and the use of brute force.

Such recognition would not only not help in finding a just and lasting solution to the Palestine problem, but also would be likely to have grave consequences affecting the maintenance of international peace," it said.

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London-Bound Plane Crashes In Mid-Air

New York, January 30.

A Pan-American World Airways Constellation, bound for London with 33 persons aboard, collided with a private plane above Long Island today.

The transport made an emergency landing without injury to anyone aboard but one of the two men in the small plane was killed.

The lower half of the body of the second occupant of the small plane was wedged in the top of a jagged hole in the Clipper. The top half of his body dropped upon the extensive Benton-Hill residential section of Port Washington, Long Island.

The four-engine clipper had been airborne only 15 miles when the spectacular collision occurred. It had taken off from LaGuardia Field and was gaining altitude as it headed North East out to sea.—United Press.

Bao Dai Seen As Key To Peace

Paris, January 30.
The French Overseas Minister, M. Paul Coste-Floret, today said the return to Indo-China of Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, was the key to peaceful settlement of the Franco-Vietnam conflict.

M. Coste-Floret added that his talks with Bao Dai indicated that the ex-Emperor would accept France's request that he return to Indo-China to take charge of the provisional government set up by the French last June.

The Minister spoke at a dinner celebrating Vietnam New Year's Day.

"I have said, and I say again, the return of His Majesty Bao Dai is the key to Franco-Vietnam problems," said M. Coste-Floret. "The speeches of His Majesty permit us to predict his return, which will allow us to celebrate peace and a unified and independent Vietnam."—United Press.

Hiroshima To Be Peace Monument?

Miami, Florida, January 31.
The Reverend Kiyoshi Tani, pastor of the Hiroshima, Japan, suggested yesterday the building of a world peace centre at the scene of atomic war's most horrible scar.

He told interviewers he believed a giant "World Social Service and Rehabilitation Centre" should be erected on the site of Hiroshima Castle, an ancient feudal fortress which housed military forces through centuries of Japan's history.

The slight, serious minister, graduate of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and one of the few survivors of atomic warfare, said what was needed was a "meaningful monument to the evil of war."

He said what he had in mind was a combination hospital, juvenile care centre, widows home and educational centre. The Reverend Tanimoto said he was in this country to obtain financial support for his proposed peace centre.—Associated Press.

U.S. SHOULD AID CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Washington, January 30.

Major General Chien Chenai, leader of the "Flying Tigers" squadron in China in the last world war, claimed today that the present American policy in China was "plunging us into a disastrous repetition of the errors that dragged us into World War II."

In a forward to his memoirs, General Chenai called for all possible American support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the only means of halting a Communist conquest of all Asia.—Reuter.

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Labour Movement May Introduce New Programme

London, January 30.

A tug-of-war struggle to decide whether Labour shall stake its future on a bold new socialisation programme for the general election, due within the next 15 months, is expected to develop swiftly inside the Labour Movement.

Aliens In Hong Kong

At the end of December last, there were 2,037 aliens (except persons of Chinese race) resident in Hong Kong. They included Europeans and have various occupations.

Colony's Dog Show On Sunday

Dogs from the United Kingdom and the United States will take part in the Colony's second Dog Show since the end of the war. It will be held on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Race Course under the auspices of the Hong Kong Kennel Club.

Represented at the Dog Show will be breeds ranging from the diminutive Chihuahua to the lordly Great Dane. Animals will head the list, followed by Cocker, Dachshund, Bull Terrier, Pointer, and Scottish Terriers.

New breeds to take part in the Show include the Borzoi, Boston Terrier, Japanese Spaniel, Kerry Blue Terrier, Pomeranian, Miniature Poodle, Golden Retriever, and West Highland White Terrier.

In an effort to establish some of Hong Kong's indigenous types, the HKKC will exhibit a few local breeds, one of which will be the Chinese Fighting Dog.

The entries, which will exceed last year's figure by about 40, will compete before a judge from England. The HKKC's 27 silver trophies will be awarded. An innovation this year is the awarding of such dogs as the judge deems worthy of an HKKC Challenge Certificate, one-third of the way towards a Championship.

Arrangements have also been made for taking photographs of the big winners. Two short running commentaries will be given over Radio Hong Kong.

The programme includes 50 classes. One of the most spectacular is that for the "Best Bitch," in which the ring will hold about 50 dogs simultaneously.

Another interesting class is that for dogs bred by their owners, in which 16 may compete.

Surplus funds from the show will be given to charities such as the SPCA or the Animal Health Trust.

Trouble At Spinning Mill

The Emergency Unit, Kowloon, was called to the Nam Yung Spinning Mills, Hung Hom, at about 7 p.m. yesterday to quell a disturbance created by the female workers who have been confined to their quarters for more a week.

As the result of the ensuing clash between the police and the women, 13 female workers were injured and Detective-constable 109 was struck on the forehead by a missile.

According to reports, the women yesterday demanded that they be allowed to leave their quarters. When this was refused, they created a disturbance.

About a week ago, the women workers in the factory demanded a revision of the proposed Chinese New Year bonus and when this was rejected by the management, staged a strike. They were confined to their quarters, according to the vernacular papers, and have been so confined since.

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U.S. Aviation Industry Opposes Aid To Britain

Washington, January 30.

The American aviation industry is strongly opposing suggestions that Britain be given raw materials and machine tools to increase her jet fighter production as part of the United States military aid programme to Europe.

The aircraft industry contended that the metals needed for jet production and machine tools are scarce in the United States and that Europe's needs should be met either out of current American production or surplus aircraft stocks.

Under the various plans and estimates now being studied here before the military aid programme is presented to Congress for approval, the building up of the building of British fighters in the Western European defence plan.

It is suggested that Britain should be given funds from the programme to buy the necessary raw materials and machine tools to make a considerable increase in production.

The opposition that is being voiced to these suggestions comes from an industry which is in many instances in financial trouble and anxious to take on more orders so that it can maintain and even increase its own production schedules.

The issue, however, is regarded by European aviation experts here as a fundamental one, since total, or even partial, European reliance on United States firms for fighters would mean a vastly greater expenditure in dollars than had been estimated.

The Air Force department here was understood to be sympathetic to the American industry's view. But the final word will rest largely with the Defence Secretary and the Secretary of State, whose assistants are now consulting about details of the aid programme.—Reuter.

Robberies During Holidays

Several armed robberies, and robberies with violence, took place during the weekend, according to police reports.

At 8.30 p.m. on January 29 (Chinese New Year), seven men armed with five revolvers, entered the Wing Sun store at 359 Canton Road and after binding the master and the six foks, stole money and personal belongings to the total value of \$885.

At 1.30 a.m. that same day, Wong Wai-choi of 3 Wah On Lane, ground floor, was held up by two men at the corner of Shanghai and Hamilton streets and robbed of \$2,000 cash.

A man using the public latrine at Wing Lok Street near Ramsey Street at 1 p.m. on January 29 was forcibly robbed of \$62 in money by two other men.

Chow Li-chai of 14 Tokwawan Road, ground floor, reported that while he was sitting on the grass at Harlech Road near Lugard Road with his sister Chow Fung-yuen at 4 p.m. on Sunday three men approached them and held them up.

A man-handling them, the men stole a wristwatch from his sister, a ring and some money. The total loss was given as \$105.

The three men escaped in spite of the intervention of Mr. F. P. Franklin of 34 The Peak who, on sensing that something was wrong, challenged the three men. The robbers dived into cover and escaped.

Larceny By Servants

Two cases of larceny by servant were reported to the police during the Chinese New Year holidays.

A 25-year-old employee of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., was stated to have stolen \$1,353 from the firm, according to a report made at 10 a.m. on January 28.

The manager of the Lai Heung Wine Shop of 145 Des Voeux Road

87,316 Working Days Lost

Hong Kong lost 87,316 working days last year as a result of industrial disputes, according to the Department of Statistics. This was 208,776 less working days lost than in the previous year.

Eight stoppages, of work stoppages during 1948, involving a total of 2,076 work-stops, as compared with 13 stoppages in 1947 involving 13,887 workers.

PI Shanghai Consul Arrives

The Philippine Consul at Shanghai, Mr. Delino R. Garcia, arrived here on Saturday by CNAC on his way to Canton.

Neither Mr. Garcia nor officials of the Philippine Consulate here would comment on the nature of his trip to Canton.

It was reliably learned, however, that Mr. Garcia is going to Canton to survey the possibilities of transferring the Shanghai Philippine Consulate-General to the Kwangtung capital.

This move will be in line with the decision announced recently at Manila by the Philippine Minister to China, Dr. Francisco Sebastian, that the Legation will follow the Nationalist Government of China to Canton or to wherever its new seat may move.

The Philippine Consul at Nanking, Mr. Melquiades Ibancay, is also on his way to Canton. He is expected to arrive here on Thursday by the ss. Pioneer Lake.

Fire Cracker Throwers Fined

Indiscriminate throwing of fire crackers, to the danger and annoyance of the general public, led to 32 persons, aged 17 to 40 and ranging from office clerks to shop foks and students, being charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans informed the court that defendants were arrested in the Mong Kok and Shamshuipo districts between the night of January 28 and Sunday.

Three defendants, who were unable to raise bail, were cautioned and discharged. Of the remainder, 12 forfeited their bail of \$25 each, and 17 were fined \$15 each. They were all warned to be careful in the future.

Nine Months For False Pretences

Young Leung, aged 28, was yesterday sentenced to nine months imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida a Castro at Central for attempting to obtain goods by false pretences.

According to Inspector Mackay, the manager of the Grand Dispensary received a telephone call on Saturday from defendant purporting to be from the Portuguese Consulate, ordering eight packets of liver extract. The goods were to be paid for on delivery.

Defendant then went to the Consulate in Ice House Street with the goods and there Liu Wei, the No. 1 boy, detected the fraud. The liver extract was valued at \$240.

West reported that a 36-year-old foki had decamped with \$5,700 which he had collected from various shops on behalf of the firm. The report was made at 8.50 p.m. on January 30.

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"CORFU"	6th March	6th March
"CANTON"	13th March	13th March
"CORFU"	20th March	20th March
"CANTON"	27th March	27th March
"CORFU"	3rd April	3rd April
"CANTON"	10th April	10th April
"CORFU"	17th April	17th April
"CANTON"	24th April	24th April
"CORFU"	1st May	1st May
"CANTON"	8th May	8th May
"CORFU"	15th May	15th May
"CANTON"	22nd May	22nd May
"CORFU"	29th May	29th May
"CANTON"	5th June	5th June
"CORFU"	12th June	12th June
"CANTON"	19th June	19th June
"CORFU"	26th June	26th June
"CANTON"	3rd July	3rd July

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"CANTON"	3rd July	3rd July

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"TREVEAN"	due 6th Feb. from Japan & Shanghai	14th Feb.
"TREVEAN"	sails 8th Feb. for Straits, Bombay, Karachi, Port Sudan, Tangier, Casablanca, London & Continent.	14th Feb.
"SOMALI"	due 20th Feb. from London & Continent	20th Feb.
"SOMALI"	sails 22nd Feb. for Japan.	22nd Feb.
"TREVINC"	due 2nd Mar. from London, Continent, Karachi & Bombay via Straits.	2nd Mar.
"TREVINC"	sails 4th Mar. for Shanghai & Japan.	4th Mar.
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"SANGOLA"	sails 17th Feb. for Amoy and Japan.	17th Feb.
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"TJIBADAK" In port	To Japan ports & Macassar 3rd March
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	To Swatow, Amoy, Manila 4th Feb
"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Japan ports 4th Feb	To Japan ports & Macassar 17th Feb

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"STRAAT SOENDA"

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"BOISSEVAIN"

from South America & South Africa, 31st March	To South Africa & South America, 12th May
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"STRAAT MALAKKA"

from South America & South Africa, 5th March	To South Africa & South America, 12th May
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"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	To Swatow, Amoy & Manila 4th February

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MAY RETURN TO STERLING BLOC

London, January 30.

CLOTHES PROBLEM IN ENGLAND

London, January 30.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, whose duties control British warships, is in a dilemma about the clothes rationing. He must make a decision before March 1 when the rationing period starts. He admits it will be a hard decision to make and knows no matter what action he takes it will displease someone.

There are three main courses Mr. Wilson can follow.

Abolish Rationing

The first is to abolish clothes rationing altogether. British men and women who have coped with clothing coupons for eight years would have welcomed this two years ago when coupons were short and sold on the black market for three shillings apiece.

Smart clothes were reappearing in shops then at reasonable prices, and the average woman could have banished her shabby clothes that had lasted during the war years.

But when blackmarket coupons can only worth a few pennies, it is a question of cash, not coupons, with most men and women, and women more than men.

Britons Are Shoddy

Prices have soared. Money is scarce. These are the reasons why people are not able to buy extra clothes and why British men and women still appear shoddy and colourless to foreign visitors.

Most British women sadly admit they have become resigned to their rather patchy appearance. Many still have not caught up with the New Look, and still expose knees in their unfashionable short skirts.

Retailers favour taking clothes off ration. Wholesalers and manufacturers are divided.

The second course open to Mr. Wilson is in the extension of the present scheme which allows 28 coupons every six months.

The third way open to Mr. Wilson is to adopt an intermediary scheme which presents distinct possibilities. He can allocate extra coupons or take a large section of clothing off coupons, as he did with boots and shoes.

The snag here is that the coupon inflation would be intensified. There are more coupons than goods to meet the shortage.

Mr. Wilson has warned that supplies of some items of men's and women's clothing are likely to get scarcer, but has refused to say which articles because he does not want a run on them in shops.

The high prices of all clothing has started the prosperous business in London of hiring out of all types of women's clothing. For the past 50 years, men have been renting evening dress, but there has never been, until recently, a similar service for women.

A woman can have the choice of 4,000 dresses at one guinea per night. A bridal outfit costs her 10 guineas. More than 800 women rented their dresses for New Year's Eve.—Reuter.

Israel's possible return to the sterling bloc and her opposition to the "shadow concessions" granted to the Iraqi Petroleum Company by the British mandatory Government will be among the chief topics of the forthcoming Anglo-Israeli economic talks, the Sunday Times Tel Aviv correspondent reported today.

"Economic experts here believe that the talks may result in Israel's returning to the sterling bloc," the dispatch said.

"But the Israeli Government, although bound by all the concessions granted by the British during the mandate, have taken a hostile view of the shadow concessions to the Iraqi Petroleum Company, granting as the very least terms port facilities and the right to lay another pipeline through Palestine territory."

"A Tel Aviv spokesman said five months ago: 'The Israeli Government does not hold itself bound by these new under-the-table concessions.'"

The "shadow concessions" were granted to oil companies by the departing High Commissioner for Palestine, General Sir Alan Cunningham, without being published in the official Gazette, the correspondent reported.

The correspondent said the other two main topics of the discussions to follow the British de facto recognition of the Jewish State would be:

1.—The £90 million of Palestine money which has been frozen by the Treasury since last August, just before the end of the mandate, when Palestine was excluded from the sterling bloc.

2.—The British Mandatory Government obligations as regards pensions to British and Palestine officials, in the opinion of Whitehall, these should have been taken over by whatever authority succeeded the Mandatory Government.—Reuter.

Dollar Worth Fifty Cents

Shanghai, January 31.

For the first time since 1917, the value of the United States dollar is worth only half a silver dollar in Shanghai.

Street operators last night were peddling United States dollars at ¥4.20 to one, while silver dollar dealers were demanding ¥8.40 for a silver dollar.

One reason for this is the general belief that the Communists will ban the holding of foreign currencies but will permit the circulation of silver dollars.—Reuter.

Notice To Consignees

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 5th February.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

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S.S. "CHANGE" arrived 29/1/49

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Unless otherwise stated, registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the other post offices.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 5 a.m. Noon, 2 p.m. (GPO) 4.30 a.m., 12.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.	
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.	
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.40 a.m.	
Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Nankin, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.	
Airmail for Hsinchun, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.	
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.	
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	
Airmail for Dampier, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 2 p.m.	
Shanghai, 2 p.m.	

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.	
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.40 a.m.	
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Closing Times by Sea

Japan, 10 a.m.	
Foochow, 10 a.m.	
Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok, 1 p.m.	

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.	

Closing Times by Sea

Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, Noon.	
Straits, 1 p.m.	
USA, Canada, Central and South America (via San Francisco No. 100) (Kowloon GPO) (Parcel and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.	
Amoy, Hsinchun and Fookshui via Hsinchun, 3 p.m.	

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "RIVERSIDE" Arrived at Hongkong January 26, 1949

A General Average has been declared by the Owners of this vessel and Consignees of cargo are required to sign the Average Bond and pay one per cent deposit on the C.I.F. value of their goods before delivery can be effected from overseas or from the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown. Any damaged packages will be examined by our Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on 1st February 1949 at 10 a.m. Claims will not be recognised unless notified within seven days after completion of discharge.

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(Agents)
Hongkong, January 26, 1949.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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